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## Baptists In Russia Are Free But Cannot Organize Sunday Schools

By Louie D. Newton.  
President of the Southern Baptist Convention

Nineteen Seventeen was a significant year for two reasons: (a) The United States entered World War I; (b) The Tsaristic Government of Russia was overthrown.

The significance of the Revolution in Russia was overshadowed by the darkening clouds of War over Europe, and many of us had little time to think of what was taking place in Russia. But our momentary ignorance of the Revolution did not reduce its meaning for Russia, and for the world.

It was as late as 1934, when the Fifth Congress of the Baptist World

Alliance met in Berlin, that any serious public pronouncements were made by Baptists generally upon the implications of the Revolution in Russia. I cite the addresses of Drs. J. H. Rushbrooke, F. Fullbrandt and E. A. Payne in the proceedings of the Berlin Congress as illustrative.

### The Baptists in 1917

What do we really know about the Baptists of Russia in the early days of the Revolution? Not too much. I have reread the addresses above referred to, as given at Berlin in 1934, and one must conclude, after carefully examining what was presented in these scholarly papers, that the approach was largely historical. I quote from the brochure by Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, published in 1943:

"The answer is that at the outset, except on one point, Soviet legislation and administration commanded the general support of Baptists. The new Constitution separated Church and State, thus giving effect to a principle which Baptists have held through all their history. It allowed freedom of propaganda either for or against religion, which again is an expression of their doctrine of liberty of conscience and personal responsibility to (Continued on Page Thirteen)

## New Church Organized By State Evangelist

State evangelist Bob H. Benton and singer Ray Marston had a good revival meeting under a tent at the Wallfield community, near Pontotoc, Sept. 1-8. This is a new development of the State Mission program of rural evangelism. A new church was organized in this unchurched community, with 26 charter members. They have set up an organization for their Sunday school. There were 5 professions of faith in Christ and more than a hundred who definitely rededicated their lives to the Lord.

The people of the Wallfield Community were most appreciative of the work done by Bro. Benton and Bro. Marston. Rev. W. C. Bryant was active in the promotion of this revival meeting. Large crowds filled the tent each evening.

LeRoy Robinson, superintendent of Beckham school, invited the evangelists to conduct a service at the schoolhouse each morning.

## DR. RANKIN CITES TWO CASES OF EXTREME NEED Most Chinese Baptists Lost 90 Per Cent of Resources During War

"The resources of at least 90 per cent of the Baptists of China were exhausted during the war years," writes Dr. M. Theron Rankin from Shanghai, August 26, during his tour of the Baptist Missions of the Orient. "In my opinion the Foreign Mission Board must project its program of aid to Baptists in China through 1947. The lasting value of what we do within the next few months will depend on what we are able to do in 1947."

The Relief Committee of the Board is adjusting its plans for the disbursement of the \$3,500,000 now being raised by Southern Baptists with Dr. (Continued on Page Two)

## RELIEF FUNDS ALLOCATED Warehouse Sought For Handling Used Clothing

Cows for Italy, canned milk for Greek children, \$10,900 for Baptists in Hungary, \$590 to pay for clothing, bedding, and incidentals purchased for an orphanage in Canton, \$3,112 for Christian workers in Japan, and \$550,000 in two sums for China were approved by the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board in session at the home office September 10.

Acting on authority of the Board to allocate the first million dollars contributed in the drive for \$3,500,000 this summer, the committee heard appeals read by Director George W. Sadler and information gathered on investigation of each.

Dr. M. Theron Rankin had cabled from Shanghai, requesting the Relief Committee to set aside \$550,000 to be sent to China in October and January. Imre Somogyi, president of the Hungarian Baptist Union, who has acknowledged the receipt of \$30,000 from the Board, had appealed for help in meeting the imperative needs of fellow Baptists, and a gift of \$10,000 was approved by the committee.

In response to a plea from Greece, \$500 was appropriated for canned milk for a children's clinic of the American Women's Hospital at Kokkinia, where

### MEET DOROTHY PAGE

Geginnig October 3, Dorothy Page is coming to the readers of the Baptist Record. A generation ago, the religious novel, "Dorothy Page" created a sensation among southern readers.

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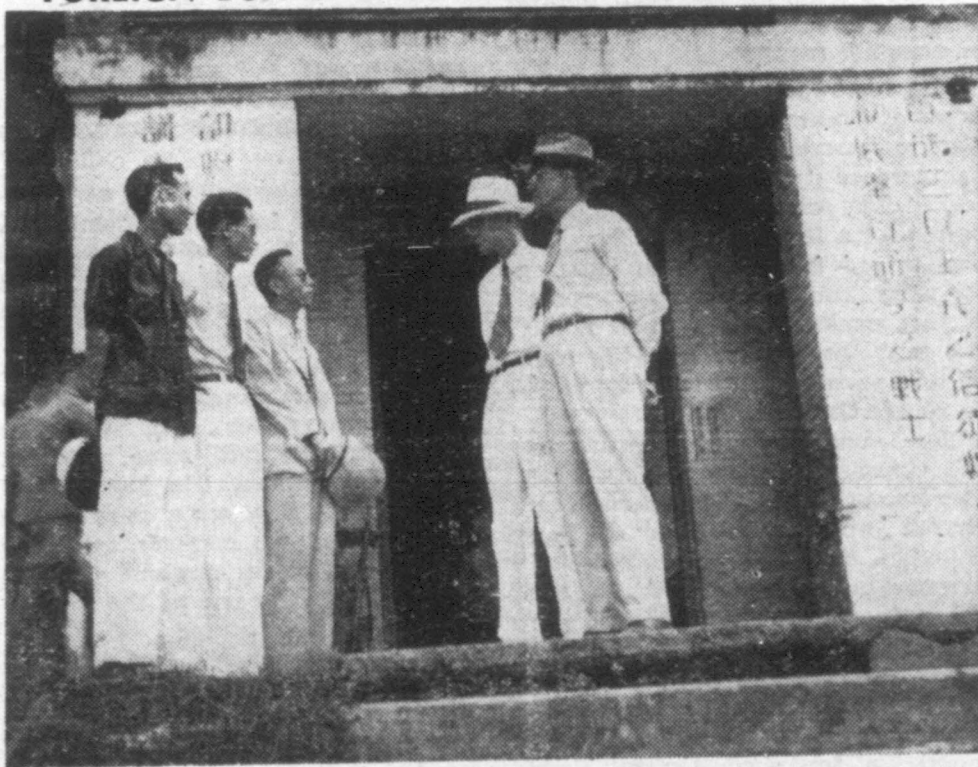
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Get ready to meet Dorothy Page on October 3.

## FOREIGN BOARD EXECUTIVE ON TOUR OF CHINA



—Photo by Rex Ray

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, accompanied by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, is completing a survey of relief and rehabilitation needs among the Baptist Missions in China. "In view of the urgent need of funds as indicated in letters and cablegrams from Dr. Rankin, and because of the report that comes from trusted national Baptist leaders abroad, and because of the Board's relief committee, in an inter-said Dr. George W. Sadler, director of the Board's relief committee, in an interview September 3. This picture shows three evangelists of the Kwai-Naam Baptist Association, Wuchow, discussing rehabilitation problems with Dr. Rankin (right) and Dr. Cauthen. The building, formerly occupied by the Pool Ching school, is now used by the Ming Sum Primary School of the Wuchow Baptist Church. It was looted of all its equipment and its woodwork, and has been restored only with absolute necessities. A full educational program by the Baptists in Wuchow can be resumed only with the aid of fellow Baptists in America.

medical treatment is given but milk is not available.

The appropriation for Japan was made through Church World Service which had answered an appeal from Chaplain Ivan L. Bennett, until recently chief of chaplains in Japan, who spoke strongly of the urgency and importance of the sum he had requested by cablegram.

Because Christian ministers were so (Continued on Page Two)

## The Washington Review

By LARSTON D. FARRAR  
Religious News Service

### RELIGIOUS RADIO EXPANSION

It's freely predicted here that the day will come when hundreds—instead of tens—of church groups will own and operate radio stations, perhaps chains of stations.

J. Leonard Reinsch, director of several radio stations and a former White House attache, pointed out at a recent Baptist conference that the radio offers broadcasters a great opportunity to help solve the juvenile delinquency problem by directing religious programs to teen-agers, rather than exclusively to church-going adults.

Broadening of major appeal of religious broadcasts to reach the unchurched would bring an increase in church attendance, he maintained, just as broadcasts of athletic events in-

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## ONE Hungry WORLD

South Carolina was the fifth state to pass its goal in the three-months campaign to raise \$3,500,000 for relief and rehabilitation. By September 1, Florida was still in the lead, with 146 per cent of its goal; Texas next with 123 per cent, and Arizona, New Mexico, and South Carolina each with 100 per cent. Arkansas promised to be the sixth to go over the top.

The most tragic group in Europe today, according to a representative of the International Red Cross, is the fifteen to twenty-year-olds. These young people are "considered as adults and not given the benefit of supplementary food rations reserved for children. Yet their normal development requires 3400 calories daily instead of the 2500 sufficient for adults." Church World Service, one of the agencies used by the Foreign Mission Board's Relief Committee to get funds to the needy in Europe, has provided money for special aid to students of this age group whose education has been interrupted by the war and who are anxious to train as youth workers within the churches.

At the insistence of the Foreign Mission Board, the Hungarian Baptist Union submits a statement of loss and of immediate needs of their people and their Missions. Among other urgent needs stated were these:

Bicycles. "Most of our preachers have many mission stations and the bicycle is today the best means of communication by which preachers can reach their respective fields." 30 pieces and 60 pairs of bicycle tubes and tires are requested.

Waterproof baptismal suits, 15.

Lord's Supper glasses, 10 sets—six sets for 100, and four sets for 200. "Owing to the very bad health situation and to the spreading of contagious diseases in Hungary, we feel justified to ask for this gift."

The necessity of these items for any effective ministry through the Baptist churches of Hungary will not be questioned by Southern Baptists.

Losses and thefts of goods sent to China have amounted to less than two per cent of the total sent by Church World Service to that country.

The Relief Committee of the Board met September 9 to consider requests from Dr. M. Theron Rankin, now on tour of the Orient to survey relief and rehabilitation needs. Dr. Rankin urged the committee to provide "NOW for the continuation of relief for at least one year. If we are to let Baptist workers and others die six months from now, there is little use in doing anything. In the end all will be lost. We must see the people we help through at least a year. This is IMPERATIVE." The entire amount raised by Southern Baptists during the campaign could well be used in China alone, Dr. Rankin asserts.

Needs are decreasing in western Europe, according to John D. Metzler of Church World Service Center, but in east central Europe and Eastern Asia food and clothing shortages are extremely critical. "Starvation and its effects will prevail in many countries for a long time. With the passing of UNRRA at the beginning of the winter private relief agencies will have to re-

## DR. RANKIN CITES TWO CASES OF EXTREME NEED

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Rankin's statement in mind.

### FARM IMPLEMENTS AND STOCK GONE

Two examples were given in the letter, which reached Richmond September 5. Dr. Rankin described a village near Canton, where the homes and farms had been looted periodically by troops passing through the country. Farm implements and stock are gone. Only the land which the village owns is left.

"The Chinese pastor of the little church in the village talked with me about helping the people of the village plant their fields," Dr. Rankin wrote. "He had thought of sweet potatoes. They can be planted without the use of many implements and stock, and little cultivation is required. The yield would be large enough to enable the villagers to sell a considerable portion of the potatoes to buy tools and stock for the next planting. An entire village of several hundred people would be started on the way to complete rehabilitation. All they need is \$100 U.S. for seed potatoes for the first planting."

Dr. Rankin assured the Cantonese pastor of help if the campaign which closes September 30 is successful.

The case of a widow who supports herself and her children by the sale of milk from three cows was also given. During the Japanese occupation of her city, two of the cows were killed. She had a choice of selling the third cow to obtain funds with which to buy rice, or mortgage her small house for money to purchase two more cows.

### 12 Per Cent Per Month

"She mortgaged the house," Dr. Rankin said, "and she is paying 12 per cent PER MONTH for the money. This takes most of the profit from the sale of milk. The distracted mother is in danger of losing both cows and home. If she can borrow \$350 U.S. without interest for one year, she can redeem the mortgage on her home and support her family."

These two cases are typical of hundreds of Chinese Baptist families, Dr. Rankin asserted. Homes have been damaged so that they cannot be occupied, but some of them can be repaired for a few hundred dollars. The owners are living in other quarters for which they pay exorbitant rental. If they could return to their homes, the rent they are now paying could be used to repay the money borrowed to repair the homes."

The Leung Kwong Convention has 147 churches and chapels scattered over two provinces. The preachers and church workers in each of these churches constitute a committee to investigate personally every case of need. These cases are reported each month to the executive committee of the convention, and allocation of relief funds is made on the basis of the cases reported. At present \$5,000 a month is furnished to the Leung Kwong Convention for this purpose.

The same set-up is maintained in Central China. The cases dealt with are not touched by UNRRA.

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Mrs. W. F. Matthews of Kewanee Church recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. Such friends as these have helped us over the 53,000 mark in circulation.

double their efforts to meet the gap between needs and supplies."

## THE WASHINGTON REVIEW

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crease their attendance.

Meanwhile, the Federal Communications Commission again has revealed its interest in helping religious groups obtain radio licenses by granting an operating permit to Atlantic Shores Broadcasting, principally owned by two Miami ministers, over the mutually exclusive applications of two other privately-owned firms.

The FCC, in granting the permit to Atlantic Shores, pointed out that its owners actually intend to operate the station and to participate actively in the management.

Owners of the station were listed as the Rev. Ronald D. Johnson, pastor of the Central Alliance church in Miami, who will be director; the Rev. James A. Brown, Church of the Nazarene minister, who will be general manager, and several other Miami men, all of whom will take jobs in the new station.

Three other religious and church-affiliated organizations have applications pending before FCC. They are the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc., of Los Angeles, Calif.; the Echo Park Evangelistic Association, of Los Angeles, and the Luther College, Decorah, Ia.

## CHURCH BUILDING PROSPECTS

Churches need not look for any appreciable easing of building restrictions. The building supply situation is going to get tighter on all building except veterans' housing in the coming months, due to the new grant of power to Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt.

So far, relatively few churches have applied for special permission to erect long-awaited church buildings, or additions. Of those which have applied, only two or three have been granted permission.

Church members don't mind waiting as long as they see new houses for vets going up.

## Heroic Navy Chaplain

A Navy chaplain who gave his life-jacket to wounded seamen during the sinking of the USS Houston has been decorated posthumously with the Navy Cross.

The Navy Department, in announcing the award to the late Commander George S. Rentz, a veteran of 25 years of service as a chaplain, cited him "for heroism and intrepidity in action."

While clinging to an airplane pontoon after the Houston was abandoned February 28, 1942, Chaplain Rentz, noting that some wounded men were without life jackets and that rafts and floating debris were overcrowded with survivors, gave up his position on an airplane pontoon and his jacket to one of the wounded, the citation stated.

His widow resides in Berkeley, California. Before joining the Navy, he had held pastorates in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He attended both Gettysburg College and the Princeton Theological Seminary.

## Hail German Re-Education Statement

The statement on long-range policy for German re-education, released recently by Lt. Gen. Lucius Clax, deputy director of Military Government in Germany, was hailed here by religious leaders, who noted that it represented a greater recognition of religious influence than any other military document of recent months.

Among the "primary principles of justice" listed by Blay was the state-

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desperately in need they had been compelled to give up their churches to make a living, he recommended a salary grant of about \$15 a month for each. "It is the most constructive thing that can be done for the whole Christian movement at present," Chaplain Bennett said. The sum allocated was Southern Baptists' share of \$100,000 sent by Church World Service.

For the Baptists of Italy, including the orphanage in Rome, \$5,000 was appropriated to buy approximately thirty cows for shipment at the earliest possible date.

Dr. Sadler reported progress toward renting a warehouse in the Southern States for the processing of used clothing for overseas relief.

Chairman L. Howard Jenkins presided at the meeting, which was attended by Dr. T. F. Adams, Dr. J. Clyde Hickerson, Dr. Dewey Moore, Everett L. Deane (assistant treasurer of the Board), Gene Newton, Majorie E. Moore, and Dr. Sadler.

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## CENTER TERRACE HOLDS LAYMEN'S REVIVAL

By C. O. Estes, Pastor

The Center Terrace Baptist Church, Canton, had a good laymen's revival the week of September 1-4, with E. C. Williams, State Sunday School Secretary, speaking. There were two services on Sunday and then only at night thereafter. The attendance was splendid and the enthusiasm of the men was most encouraging. Many of them said that it was all too short and should have continued for at least a full week.

Mr. Williams spoke as a layman to laymen emphasizing the privilege of serving in the church life to the glory of Christ. He challenged the men to do things for Christ, even though they had never done that type of service before. There were volunteers to take part in teaching or leading groups in church life. There was one addition by letter.

Rev. J. H. Street, State Brotherhood Secretary, worked with the pastor and the men in the general plans. The laymen had charge of all the work, including that of the committees, music, presiding, visitation, etc.

This was one of the most constructive revivals the church has had and we highly recommend such to other churches. We greatly appreciate the leadership of Brother Street in the general planning, as well as that of Mr. Williams and the men in their work during those days.

—BR—

Mount Vernon Church recently closed a revival in which the Pastor J. D. Aycock, did the preaching. The church was greatly revived. There were seven additions by letter and seven by baptism. Dottie Davis and Amy Love Leggett served as pianists.

ment that "the dignity and integrity of the individual must be respected by society and other individuals."

"The political and moral re-education of the German people will foster the re-establishment of universally valid principles of justice," Clay wrote. "The Nazi heritage of Germany's spiritual isolation must be overcome by restoring as rapidly as possible those cultural concepts which will foster the assimilation of the German people into the society of peaceful nations."



# Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1 Cor. 13:8

"We preach Christ Crucified." I Corinthians 1:23.

For the next eight weeks Mississippi Baptists will be concerned with three majors in their church and denominational life. First, churches will be busy setting up their budgets for 1947. Second, the inclusion of the cooperative program is important. The cooperative program should represent a good portion of every church budget. Third, October is the great climactic State Mission program with a great offering. If we are going forward in State Missions, we must have a great offering in these weeks that follow. In another section of the Baptist Record, beginning this week, we are presenting one after another of these three emphases.

We believe you will be interested in the Association schedule your Executive Secretary has maintained for the past seven years. In the graph below each x means a visit to an association for the given year. We are behind schedule with only one association, namely, Lawrence, and that was not with any intent on our part but because of conflicting dates with other associations at the same time. We are making Lawrence this year.

In the 1939 column, you will note the x occurring twice by some associations. That means we attended a few of the associations twice that year. This was made possible through a special called meeting.

We have tried to keep the visits well distributed, but we have both dates and geography to contend with in this matter. The schedule follows:

Association	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Adams-Franklin	x			x			x
Alcorn	x		x				x
Attala	x					x	
Benton	xx		x	x		x	
Bolivar	x			x		x	
Calhoun	x	x				x	
Carroll	x		x	x			
Chickasaw	x		x	x		x	
Choctaw	x		x				
Clarke	x			x			
Clay	x			x			
Columbus	x	x				x	
Copiah	x		x				
Covington	x	x		x		x	
Deer Creek	x	x		x			
DeSoto	x						x
George	x	x		x		x	
Greene	x	x				x	
Grenada	x				x		x
Gulf Coast	x	x		x			
Hinds-Warren	xx	x	x	x			
Holmes	x	x					
Itawamba	x		x	x			
Jackson	x			x			
Jasper	x	x		x			
Jeff Davis	x			x			x
Jones	x	x		x	x		
Kemper	x		x				x
Lafayette	x		x		x		
Lauderdale	x					x	
Lawrence	xx						
Leake	x		x	x			
Lebanon	x	x	x				
Lee	xx		x	x	x		
Leflore	x	x					
Liberty	xx			x			
Lincoln	x					x	x
Madison	xx	x			x		
Marion	x	x					
Marshall	x				x		x
Mississippi	x		x				

Association	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Monroe	x			x	x		
Montgomery	x					x	
Neshoba	xx	x		x			
New Choctaw	x		x				
Newton	x	x				x	
Noxubee	x	x					
Oktibbeha	x			x		x	
Panola	x					x	x
Pearl River	x			x			
Pearl Valley	x			x			
Perry	x		x	x			
Pike	x	x					
Pontotoc	x						x
Prentiss	x	x					
Rankin	x	x		x	x		
Riverside	x	x					
Scott	x		x				
Simpson	xx						x
Smith	x	x				x	
Sunflower	x	x					
Tallahatchie	xx		x				
Tate	x						x
Tippah	x					x	
Tishomingo	x	x					x
Union	x		x				
Union County	x	x	x	x			
Walthall	x	x					
Wayne	x		x	x		x	
Winston	x					x	
Yalobusha	x					x	x
Yazoo	x	x					
Zion	x	x		x			

## II

Many thousands of boys and girls are off at school - college. Many of them the first time. As our father told us goodbye at the train, as we left for school at the age of sixteen, he said simply, feelingly, "Be a good boy." Those words stuck! We did not always live up to the charge, but they certainly helped us.

An older brother said, "Watch your companions at the start. You will not get away from the crowd you start with." We are reminded of the proverb, "Evil companions corrupt good manners."

Our boys and girls will do well to look to their moorings in these first college days. They are not getting ready to live; they are living NOW! They will never get entirely away from the influences of these days. Psalm 1.

## III

We must get into the hands of the printers by October 15 materials for our reports to be printed in the Convention bulletin. All heads of institutions, chairmen of committees, and any other person who desires to have a printed report in the bulletin should give heed to the matter now. The constitution of the Convention requires the printing of these reports, and all but two agencies last year conformed to this requirement.

## IV

### BALBOA-PANAMA CANAL

Balboa, a town of Panama Canal Zone, is the port adjoining the City of Panama. The port is about three miles distant from Panama City and contains all the wharves and docks—Panama itself not being a seaport.

In 1903 the independence of the Republic of Panama was declared. The movement was promoted and financed by Phillippi Bunau-Varilla, an engineer connected with the French Canal Company, who had persuaded the Revolutionists that they could count on the support of the U.S.A.

The building of the Canal was the subject of much controversy. President Theodore Roosevelt's

action was defended by the administration at Washington on the ground that the construction of the canal was an urgent necessity, that it was being prevented by the obstructive conduct of Colombia, and that the people of Panama had a right to revolt against an action which "threatened their most vital interest with destruction and the interest of the whole world with grave injury."

It was asserted that the course followed by the U.S.A. was justified by the provisions of the treaty of 1846, the main purpose of which was the construction of a canal. On the other hand, it was bitterly criticized by both Latin America and the United States; and it seemed difficult to justify it in view of the American guarantee of Colombia's sovereignty over the Isthmus. A \$25,000,000 indemnity was finally paid to Colombia in recognition of the injury that she had suffered.

The most important aspect of Panama is the Panama Canal.

1. Popular opinion feels the canal was chosen solely because of the narrowness of the Isthmus at that point. The real reason was that the hills are lower there than at any other place on the Isthmus, a fact which made the excavating easier.

2. From ocean to ocean the canal is more than 50 miles long and varies from 300-1000 feet in width and from 42-85 feet in depth.

3. The canal route uses Gatun Lake, the Rio Grande River on the Pacific side, and the Charges River on the Atlantic. Culebra Cut was the most spectacular engineering feature, this being gouged out of nine miles of solid land and rock.

4. The idea of cutting the canal at this point was a long dream, which would save ships from making a tortuous trip around Cape Horn of South America. However, the preliminary surveys were not made until 1881 when Ferdinand de Lesseps arrived in Panama.

Soon after Lesseps arrived, a French company was incorporated for more than \$250,000,000; and work was begun. Only 19 miles had been completed when the money was all spent.

U.S. government took over the project after paying the French company \$40,000,000. The Republic of Panama received \$10,000,000 and a rental of \$250,000 a year, together with absolute jurisdiction over the port cities of Panama and Colon.

5. All other cities and territories of the Canal Zone are under United States jurisdiction, through the Governor of the Canal Zone.

6. The Canal Zone was completed in 1914 with a total cost of \$375,000,000.

7. The failure of the French company to build the zone was attributed in great part to the fact that the Canal Zone was ridden with malaria and yellow fever. Through the vigorous work of Colonel Goethals, the Canal's first Governor, these diseases have been permanently eradicated, and only occasionally appear in the interior.

8. The Canal runs due South from its entrance in Limon Bay through the Gatun locks to a point in the widest portion of Gatun lake, a distance of 11½ miles. It then turns sharply to the east and follows a course generally southeast till it reaches the Bay of Panama on the Pacific side. Its terminus near Panama is about 22½ miles east of its terminus near Colon.

9. When passing from the Atlantic to the Pacific, a vessel enters the approach channel in Limon Bay which has a bottom width of 500 feet and extends to Gatun locks, a distance of 6 2-3 miles.

10. Gatun Dam, the largest dam, is at Gatun on the Atlantic side. It spans the northern and lower end of a deep valley through which the Charges River formerly flowed to the sea. This dam is one and a half miles long and a half mile wide at the base and 400 feet wide at water surface, 100 feet wide at top; and its crest is at an elevation of 105 feet above sea level. It is really two dams in one, for in its center there is a natural hill or rock 110 feet high. In this the spillway of the dam is constructed, and against its two sides rests the two sections of the great dam. The dam itself contains

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## Please Be Patient With Us

The Baptist Record office is always a busy place but the last few weeks have broken all records and the end is not in sight. In addition to much work in trying to promote the World Relief Program, the editor is spending about one half of each week attending associations.

The logical result of all this is that we are not able to handle all articles, news items and correspondence with the promptness that we desire. If your article, letter or news item meets with delay be patient with us and remember that we are trying to do in three days what is usually done in six. The editor has worked every night sometimes until far past bedtime for weeks with only two or three exceptions.

If the article or news item you sent expecting it in the current issue does not appear until a week or two later, don't think us negligent. The only articles or news items that are not delayed in some way are those which are written in such a way that they require no editorial work. Those that require re-writing, grammatical correction, or condensing must wait their turn. We cannot put off the associations, but some articles can wait a week or two.

If your contribution is slightly delayed, remember you are helping us to make another association.

We are grateful for your past patience and your future forbearance.

## Why The Discrimination

The Fulbright Bill recently passed by the Congress of the United States provides that the Department of State may use up to \$20,000,000 in each country of the proceeds of surplus property sales for exchange of students and other educational activities. One of the provisions is that:

Foreign students can be given scholarships to study at American non-denominational institutions abroad. We recall having heard a

radio program entitled "It Pays To Be Ignorant", but the stipulation that scholarships will be available only at non-denominational institutions indicates that it pays to be non-religious. In other words, students can go to any American non-denominational institution abroad with scholarships paid for with American money, provided said institution is not a denominational one. It may be modernistic, atheistic, irreligious, rotten, etc., but it is O. K., provided it is non-denominational. Since when did it become a crime for a school to be denominational. Many of our greatest men have been trained in denominational schools, and there should be no discrimination against them.

—BR—

## Brother Pastor

Have you ever seen a day since your ordination in the gospel ministry...

1. When Southern Baptists had a bigger per-capita income and a better chance to do something big for the Lord?

2. When your people were more in need of the spiritual enrichment of a truly selfless task done well?

3. When your people had a bigger job to do than to help relieve human suffering after the world's worst catastrophe?

4. When your people had a better opportunity to feel itself a part of one world—the world God gave his Son to save?

5. When you had a bigger obligation to lead them to lose themselves in something important?

6. When Southern Baptist missionaries had a better opportunity to enter open doors in Christ's name?

THN ASK YOUR CHURCH TO GIVE NOW TO HLP RAISE \$3,500,000 FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION IN ASIA AND EUROPE. MISSISSIPPI'S GOAL IS \$179,000.

TO DATE WE HAVE RAISED \$85,132.

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## A Thoughtful Act

When price controls went off a few weeks ago the deacons of Durrant church realized that the pastor's salary would buy fewer groceries as well as other goods because of the increased prices. They voluntarily recommended to the church that the pastor's salary be raised enough to take care of the price increases. Many other churches might well do likewise.

Even though Mississippi pastors are able to buy less with the same salary most of them never say a word but just do the best they can. Let's be fair with our pastors. They deserve it.

## Look At Your Child

Dr. Baker James Cauthen described how he saw Chinese buying rice by the grain. It is almost impossible for readers of this paper to realize such a situation. We believe if they could visualize the matter as it is, that Mississippi would be far beyond 42% of the goal for famine and rehabilitation announced from Dr. McCall's office this week. A recent visitor to war torn areas declared that there were 30,000,000 children starving slowly. He added that in addition to these there are 11,000,000 orphans.

In Greece four out of five children have tuberculosis brought on by hardships of war. In China this dread disease has increased 700%.

General Eisenhower, according to the Texas Baptist Standard, saw a slice of bread which had been thrown in a container. He fished it out and said sternly, "Who threw this piece of bread away?" The terrible significance of one piece of bread will not be forgotten by those who heard the great general's question.

Relief we are sending is distributed to those most needy, for surveys have been made, and food is sent into the by-ways to the helpless. Mississippi Baptist Headquarters forwards every penny donated for this cause, not even deducting postage for mailing it to the Foreign Mission Board.

Today, let every parent look into the faces of their children, and close their eyes and imagine what it would be if they had no food to offer—and no chance of getting any! We will soon reach our quota if our people stop and think what it means to need food to keep alive!

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## Letters Spread Before The Lord

We hear many people say that they do not like to write letters, but have you heard anyone say that he does not like to receive letters? Recent Bible readings in the Adult Training Union have been from the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 37 and verse 14 reads "And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the Lord and spread it before the Lord."

Will our letters written to family and friends or to business and professional acquaintances bear scrutiny of the eye of the Lord? And what about the letters which we receive? They too may bring messages from the Lord.

There is a definite service which we may render if we do all things

as unto the Lord. There is nothing too trivial for the concern of the Lord. He yearns for our confidences even as parents yearn to share the ideas and ideals of their children. He rejoices in our overcoming temptations, in our making right choices, and in our following the leadership of His Spirit.

Surrendering our wills to Him may also involve our willingness to let Him be the author of the letters we write and our willingness to share the messages of our letters with Him.

Many bitter feelings and heartaches would be saved if letters were written in the Spirit of the Lord rather than in a spirit of selfishness. Friendships have been broken and family ties severed because of letters written in haste and anger.

Are you willing to "spread your letters before the Lord"? Write that letter today which someone is anxiously awaiting, but let it be filled with the love of God. God will use your letters as well as your lips to testify that you have Christ in your heart.

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Church ushers will find much help in the practical suggestions found in the booklet CHURCH USHERING by H. D. Lang. Such subjects as the work the personnel, the techniques, and the duties are clearly and thoroughly discussed. Published by Concordia, St. Louis. Order from Baptist Book Store.

"During the week of August 18th I enjoyed one of the most fruitful weeks of my ministry. Assisting Bro. F. B. McFarridge in the revival at McIvor (Panola City) was one of the rare privileges of the summer's schedule. The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident from the very beginning and spiritual fervor was high during every service. When the last song had been sung and the final invitation closed, fifteen had come for baptism and three for admission by letter.

This is one of the growing rural churches of Panola County. Under the able leadership of Bro. McFarridge the attendance upon all services has more than doubled, the building has been remodelled, and attic fans installed. Some of God's finest children compose the membership and a blessed spirit of true christian fellowship and understanding prevails through all and in all."—Charles H. Skutt

Rev. C. C. Rinehart, pastor Pleasant Grove Church, Prentiss County, recently sent in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. Every new list helps us toward the 54,000 mark in circulation.

The First Church of Houston, Texas, has called Prof. W. Boyd Hunt, teacher in the Department of Theology in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, to be their pastor. Dr. Hunt succeeds Dr. W. Douglass Hudgins who is now pastor of the First Church of Jackson.

PSALMS FOR SIGNS is a selection of six sermons from the Psalms by that prince of Bible Expositors, Alexander McClaren. These messages are especially selected to comfort and strengthen the discouraged. Published by Eerdmans at \$1.00. Order from your book store.



## SPARKS &amp; SPLINTERS

Eleven were received for baptism in the revival at Sylvaena and four were added to the church by letter. J. L. Coursan is pastor.

Pleasant Hill Church, Greene County, of which Rev. W. L. Yeatman is pastor, held their revival August 18-23. The guest evangelist was Rev. Troy Sumrall of Hattiesburg.

Arkadelphia Church, Rev. Carl E. Talbert, pastor, had Rev. A. E. Mason of Southside Church, Meridian, to preach during their recent revival. There were 11 additions, six of them for baptism. Also during the revival \$200 was given toward the building fund and one pledge to finish and furnish one room completely as a memorial to Charley George Gunn, who gave his life during the recent world conflict. The love offering for the meeting amounted to \$152.

The enrollment of the Vacation School of Evansville Church, Tate County, reached 53, and the average attendance was 48. Mrs. C. P. Darby served as Principal and the other workers were: Mrs. Clarence Still, Mrs. Jimmy Baker, Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. Delma Barker, Mrs. J. D. McIver and Miss Mary Earl Still. The mission offering was given for Relief and Rehabilitation.

What Do You Know About Faith is a booklet of four sermons by Rev. W. T. Darling of Kossuth. The sermon subjects are Miracle Working Faith, Practical Faith, Saving Faith and A Test of Faith. The sermon, Miracle working Faith, appears in this issue of the Baptist Record. The price of the booklet of four sermons is 40 cents per copy or three for a dollar. Order from the author at Kossuth.

Rev. Jesse L. Boyd, Jr., reports a revival at Shiloh Church in Louisiana with 28 additions.

Rev. Grady H. Smith of Forest, led the Victory Church, Jeff Davis Co., in a great revival. A great spirit was shown throughout the meeting. Thirteen were added to the Church, 12 of whom were for baptism. There were a large number of dedications during the revival and some new tithers were pledged. By next summer it is hoped that our plans for a baptistry will be completed.—R. B. Smith—Pastor.

J. O. Wood has been elected Sunday School Superintendent and Wilson Edmondson has been elected Training Union director of the Crowder Baptist Church for the next associational year. Other officers are: Mrs. J. H. Bailey, Treasurer, Mrs. M. C. Moore, Clerk, Mrs. Albert Elliott, Pianist, Mrs. M. E. Middleton, Financial Secretary.

Miss Martha Jones of Clarke College, who has served as Educational Director of the Crowder Baptist Church during the summer months has resigned her position and returned to Clarke. She rendered a very effective and helpful service in the Master's work.

Rev. G. T. Breland of Beaumont is available as pastor of churches within reach of Beaumont. Brother Breland is an experienced pastor, about 55 years of age. For twelve or fifteen years he served churches in and around Greene County but because of a throat ailment gave up the active pastorate a few years ago. The throat ailment has now been cured and some pastorless church should put this preacher to work.

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, author of PRAYER, The Mightiest Force in the World, flew to Paris last week under the auspices of the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World to organize a Prayer group to be in attendance at the Peace Conference to pray for the final success of its efforts.

During the last associational year the offerings of the First church, Holly Springs averaged \$50 per member. What church exceeded that fine record?

The past year, according to the letter sent to the Marshall County Association was the best in the history of the First Church of Holly Springs. Excerpts from the 1946 letter indicate the following totals with the 1945 figures in parenthesis: Mission gifts, \$6,180 (\$3,597); total to all causes expended, \$21,557 (\$13,427); additions by baptism, 31 (43); additions by letter, 57 (49); total additions 88 (94); net gain in membership 55 (67); church membership 582 (527); tithers 135 (135).

Second Church, Biloxi: Beginning October first the church will have the largest number of Sunday School classes in the history of the church. The Training Union will also, for the first time, have a complete organization consisting of Story Hour, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult Unions.

Sunday, September 1, saw one record broken and another almost broken. The attendance was the largest ever and the offering lacked only \$3.01 of being the largest offering in the history of the church.

Bill Nason who has rendered exceptionally good service in various churches as director of music for evangelistic meetings, has some open time for September and October. Interested persons may write him at 700 Fairground St., Kosciusko.

Hazlehurst Baptists are really rejoicing. The reason: Two records broken. The Sunday School attendance last Sunday was 292 and the Training Union attendance was 130, both of which are records. Miss Norma Lee Smith, church secretary, writes that they expect to soon break the new records. She also states that the growth has not been of a mushroom nature but through steady constructive work on the part of each organization. Seven were baptized last Sunday night.

According to the associational executive board, the Pearl River Association will meet in a one-day and night session, Thursday, Oct. 10, instead of a two-day session. The meeting will be at the Pine Grove Church near Picayune.—J. Harold Jones, Clerk Pearl River Association

Ninth Avenue Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on June 16. Mississippians will be interested to know that the pastor of this church is Dr. A. B. Wood, former pastor at Forest.

The South Antonio Church of South Antonio, Texas is sending their pastor on a two months tour of the Central and South American Mission fields early in 1947. This is a gift of the church at the end of his second year as pastor. The new church edifice which Dr. John Daniel Brown has led the church in building at a cost of \$150,000 will be completed in the fall.—Reporter.

The relief offering from Calvary Church, Jackson, now totals \$2,867. The goal is \$3,000.

The northside Baptist Church added one thousand dollars to its Building Fund from its regular budget receipts in August. During the past 17 months the Building Fund has been increased from \$5,500 to \$20,000, and besides this during the same period the church has built and paid for two additions to its present quarters and made other improvements costing a total of about \$4,000.

MCCOMB: The Pike County Brotherhood Associational meeting is to be held with Central Church, McComb, September 23. Supper will be served at 6:30 by the Central saints. The evening program begins at 7:30. Business, song service, roll call of churches, annual reports, election of officers and an inspirational message. Every Pike County Baptist man is urged to attend. H. P. Porter, President, Joe McCullough, Secretary.

The Baptist Record has received a letter mailed at State Line concerning a revival at County Line Church, Wayne County. The article was signed "A Friend of Theirs". If the party sending this will write us we can print it. Weekly we print a notice that we do not use unsigned articles.

The W. M. U. Stewardship Chairmen of Hinds-Warren Association are requested to mail their reports before the end of September to Mrs. P. H. Irwin, Rt. 3, Vicksburg.

Clarke Memorial College registered 215 students the opening week of its 39th year. Included in the number are 61 veterans and about 100 ministerial students.—Martin V. McKinstler, Dean of Instruction.

Blue Mountain College opened its 74th annual session on September 12 with another overflow enrollment of students from 15 states, Argentina, Brazil, Hawaii, and most of Mississippi's counties. Dr. W. L. Day, Louisville, made the address, calling on the students to exercise a "courageous faith." President Lawrence T. Lowrey presented D. H. Hall of New Albany, and announced a gift of \$5,000 from him toward an organ for the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium.

It was my privilege to be with Pastor R. L. Harville and the good people of Antioch Church of Calhoun County August 4-9 in a revival. There were six professions of faith for baptism and three additions by letter. Among those making professions of faith was a great-grandmother seventy-four years of age and a mother forty-six years of age. Brother Harville and his wife are both rendering worthy service in the Master's name. August 11-16 I was with the Bear Creek Church in Attala County. Pastor C. F. Anglin is leading this church in making plans for a building program. There were ten professions of faith for baptism.—C. B. Hamlett III.

July 28-August 4 the Scotland Church in Montgomery County had Rev. Rupert Ringold as their evangelist. His messages were most effective. There were five young men who made professions of faith and became candidates for baptism. There were three additions by letter. On the closing Sunday the Sunday School attendance goal of 100 was surpassed by nine. Mr. Ringold has enrolled in the New Orleans Theological Seminary.

I am sure that the many friends of Rev. R. K. Corder, former pastor of First Church, Picayune and First Church, Philadelphia, will be interested in knowing that on our recent vacation trip into the Carolinas it was our pleasure to spend one night in the new \$14,000 brick pastory of the Allendale Baptist Church, Allendale, South Carolina. The Allendale Church gave Brother and Mrs. Corder the privilege of "drawing the plans" for this "dream home." It is complete and beautiful in every detail.—C. B. Hamlett III.

Several days ago we received a poem entitled "The Preacher Who Is My Ideal" and in some way the original with the name of the writer was misplaced. We have the poem, but not the name of the author. If the young lady who sent the poem will please write us her name and address, we shall be glad to publish the poem.—Editor.

Mrs. Rex Phillips reports a wonderful revival meeting at Sabougla Church, Webster County with eight additions.

The pastor of the First Church of Philadelphia, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson were the recipients recently of a beautiful set of sterling silver, service for eight, accompanied by a card with the inscription: "In loving appreciation of you personally and of your rich contribution to our lives through your ministry, the members of the First Baptist Church are happy in presenting this gift of silver. Sponsored by the Sunday School, the Training Union and the W. M. U."

A B. T. U. Study Course was held at the Friendship Baptist Church, Pike County September 1-7. There was an enrollment of 82 with a good attendance each night. We closed Friday night with a general B. T. U. social, having 75 present. A girl's ensemble from this Training Union will sing at the State Music Convention, October 11.—Mrs. Ray Godbold, B. T. U. Director.

The revival at West Laurel Baptist Church begins September 29 and closes October 6. Dr. Norris Palmer of Baton Rouge, Louisiana will do the preaching and Rev. L. G. Meadows of Plateau, Alabama will lead the singing. September 29 has been designated as Homecoming Day for the church and all former members are cordially invited to spend that day in West Laurel and enjoy the messages of Dr. D. A. McCall and Rev. J. H. Street, guest speakers for that day.

First Church, West Point, has employed Miss Nancy Taylor, voice teacher in the West Point public schools, to direct the senior choir.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Sept. 16—Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, Recording Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been engaged as assistant in the Bible Department of Blue Mountain College because of the heavy enrollment in that department. Dr. Tyler is head of the department.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Sept. 16—Sunday was join-the-church day at Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, Blue Mountain. Pastor Clifford J. Smyly announces that 124 students of Blue Mountain College joined the church.

A former Mississippian now serving in another state recently wrote: "It is great to get news of Kingdom activities among Mississippi Baptists. The Record covers these activities more than any other state paper, I know."

Pastor J. R. Davis of First Church, New Albany, writes that August was one of the best months in many respects. Instead of a slump, the general church attendance increased as did the Sunday School and Training Union. He also states that according to the reports in the Baptist Record, the Training Union led all other unions in the state on Sunday, August 25. Maurice Clayton was recently licensed to preach (the fifth sent out by the church). Two other fine young men have dedicated their lives to the ministry, two for Foreign Missionary service and several for religious work.

Lefflore Church, Carroll County Association, closed a fruitful revival meeting on August 10. The pastor, Rev. John Maddox, was assisted by Rev. Ernest Norwood. There were 23 additions, 20 for baptism.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Mrs. W. B. Barlow, Jackson; Rev. V. W. Izard, Oxford, Alabama; Rev. Homer W. Roberson, Vicksburg; Rev. A. C. Furr, Columbus; Rev. S. W. Valentine, Clinton; W. N. Gardner, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. D. Swan Haworth, Vicksburg; Dr. Bracey Campbell, Marks; M. L. Rogers, Durant; Rev. L. E. Burnette, Lexington; Mrs. J. T. Johnston, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Philadelphia; Rev. A. H. Childress, Coffeeville; Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Franks, Columbus; Rev. Bill Beam, Clinton; Rev. W. L. Molcomb, Forest; Dr. William Potter, Carthage; Rev. W. R. Storie, Hattiesburg; Rev. J. D. Walker, Calhoun City; Rev. F. E. Moseley, Lucedale.

Dr. D. V. Jemison, Selma, Alabama, has been re-elected president of the National Baptist Convention, Negro group.

Arizona, Florida, New Mexico, South Carolina, and Texas have all reached their goal in the World Relief and Rehabilitation report.

Rev. James B. Parker, head of the Department of Institutional Work for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, supplied at East Church, Greenville on Sept. 15 and at Rienzi on September 8.

Permission has been given by the State Department for Edwin Dozier to return to Japan. He will be the first Southern Baptist missionary to return.



## Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec.—Miss Edwina Robinson

### FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE— FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

George W. Sadler, Richmond  
The Situation in Europe

What shall we say about the situation in Europe? Some time ago Mr. Herbert Hoover stated that there were 150,000,000 between the English Channel and the Russian Border who were seriously underfed. Among this number there are between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 children. It is reported that "one of Europe's great educators" has declared, "If Europe starves, the communists needn't bother to paint a slogan on a wall or raise a banner. She will be lost to the ideals for which your troops and our resistance fought. She will be painted all red politically with a brush made of the shriveled linings of children's empty stomachs."

From Hungary the following report was received several months ago: "Dysentery, diabetes, typhus, contagious diseases rampant. Persons over 60 dying like flies." "New born babies wrapped in old newspapers." "Of the 50,000 children evacuated from Budapest, not one had shoes, and it is hard to find a man or woman who has one change of clothing."

In writing to Mrs. Everett Gill, Dr. Sabrietta Grimm of Budapest stated: "Nothing remained for me, only my Doctor diploma. I must begin all again. Dear Mrs. Gill, send me some help to begin a new life—God spared my life I think because his will is that I begin my work again."

When this writer was in Belgrade recently he saw hundreds of persons on a bitterly cold morning selling personal clothing, bed clothing, rugs and blankets. Why, you ask, were they disposing of that which they desperately needed? The answer is, hunger was gnawing at their vitals, hunger was taking its terrible toll of child life. They were selling things they could never replace in their fight for survival.

Many have asked whether the food and money we send are delivered to the persons for whom they are intended. Again eye witness testimony is valuable. When I was in Yugoslavia I had fellowship with persons who were being blessed by money our Board had sent and clothing scores of Southern Baptists had forwarded. One of our postal employees visited our headquarters and talked in my presence with our leading pastor about the delivery of the thirty-four parcels there at the post office.

Almost everywhere I went in Italy I was approached by persons who asked me to convey expressions of their thanks to friends in America who had made life over for them by the sending of food and clothes and money.

Here at Ridgcrest last Sunday when the minister spoke on the text "We then that are strong ought to hear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves," there was a thrilling response. A hundred or more young persons thronged the platform offering their lives to God and man as foreign mission volunteers. Surely Southern Baptists will match such donation as this with an outpouring of their money. As the speaker said in conclusion: "We then that are strong ought to hear the infirmities

of the weak not to please ourselves—for humanity's sake, for Christ's sake."

### FRESH NEWS FROM THE ORIENT

M. Theron Rankin, Ex. Sec.  
Foreign Mission Board

The sight which greeted Chinese Baptists when following the Japanese surrender they returned to the large Tung Shan Baptist compound was one to make their hearts sick. Japanese troops had occupied all buildings. The beautiful Tung Shan church building was used as a theater. It has been badly damaged by shrapnel and was looted of all furnishings when the Japanese left. The Pool Ching and Pool To buildings were used as a hospital only. The Pool In building had escaped heavy damage but it, like the others, had been looted of all furniture and equipment.

The first group of Chinese Baptists returned in November. By February the devastating task of picking up and repairing the broken pieces had progressed far enough for school to open. During the spring semester almost 2,000 students were in schools in the city. The Tungshan Church, Hing Wah Church, Paat Yeuk Church, Tung Shek Kok Church, and others were holding regular services on Sundays and had week-day programs under way.

#### Devotion of Chinese Baptists

How was all this done? Primarily by the devotion of Chinese Baptists. But if they had not had the help which Southern Baptists have given through the missionaries who first came back and the relief and rehabilitation funds which were provided through these missionaries, the resurrection story of the Tung-Shan Baptist work would not have occurred.

Through their relief and rehabilitation funds, Southern Baptists are reaching far into the interior places of China to help Chinese Baptists lift up the heavy loads left to them by war. The Tungshan Baptist Orphanage has been reopened. Already there are some forty children in the rebuilt home and thirty-two others will be admitted as soon as equipment and quarters can be provided by relief and rehabilitation funds, which we have furnished. The Home for the Aged was burned and a number of the women have been living here and there as best they could during the war. We plan to provide a new home with relief and rehabilitation funds. Orphans and old women who have no means of support come from the interior areas to be taken care of in these homes.

#### Survey of Relief Needs

The Leung Kwong Baptist Convention has made a survey of relief needs among Baptist church workers and church members in the entire area of the convention, which includes the two provinces of Kwang Tung and Kwong Sai. The Committee has proposed that we provide \$75,000 for relief of Baptist workers and \$100,000 for relief among church members. Few of the preachers and church workers are able to send their children to school. We are asked to provide \$50,000 for aid among Baptist students. Church buildings in interior villages and towns have been dam-

## Como Will Dedicate New Building Oct. 6

BY Charles H. Skutt

"Members of the Como Baptist Church are rejoicing over the fullness of God's mercy. On Sunday, October 6th, they will dedicate their new building which they will, at that time, have occupied only thirteen months. They said it couldn't be done", but on the fifteenth of February, 1945, work was begun on the present building. Construction was completed and the building occupied for the first time on the first Sunday in September 1945. Even at the time of occupancy, more than 60% of the cost had been paid, and within twelve months after the work was begun, the total cost had been paid or definitely pledged. Now the entire sum is paid and it is with rejoicing and grateful hearts that Como Baptists will gather in the House of the Lord to dedicate it to His glory and service.

Dr. H. L. Martin, pastor of First Baptist Church Senatobia, Dr. J. J. Burson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shelby, and Rev. D. T. Cranford, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charleston, will be the guest speakers in an all day ceremony scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. and to close with the evening service at 7:30 p.m.

Bro. Burson also recently assisted the pastor in one of the best revivals the Como Church has ever enjoyed. Every member fell in love with him and under his guidance the membership was definitely revived and filled with new enthusiasm for the Lord's cause. Three came for baptism and two for admission by letter.

Three years ago, the Como Church was on a half-time schedule with a non-resident pastor. The physical assets of the church amounted to \$3500. Today the church is entering its second year of full-time work, has a resident pastor who lives in the newly purchased parsonage, and the physical assets of the church now total \$22,000.00. Since September 1, 1945, there have been 26 additions. DOXOLOGY!"

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### 25 RECEIVE VBS AWARDS

The Vacation School of Pleasant Hill Church, Greene County, enlisted the following faculty members: Pastor W. L. Yeatman, Irvin Byrd, Mrs. Elgin Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Webb, and Mrs. Pascal Sowell.

Thirty-seven were enrolled and the following, 25 in number, were given awards: INTERMEDIATES, Quaytava Turner, Marigale Turner, Bonita Turner, Kenneth Webb, Karleen Young, Barbara Dean Young, Morris Byrd, Dwyot Byrd, W. E. Brewer, Lillina Holder, Hulon Holder and Mary Catherine Byrd. JUNIORS, Greta Sowell, Gay Turner, aged. We should make available \$35,000 for this purpose.

All these funds will be distributed and used under the supervision of committees which are making careful investigations of the needs. Personal visits are being made to the interior churches to study the needs by first-hand observation.

Similar conditions exist in Central China, Interior China, North China, Manchuria and Japan. We must be ready for rehabilitation in Europe when this becomes possible.

Let us complete the Job of raising \$3,500,000 for World Relief and Rehabilitation.



Department  
of Church  
Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

### MUSIC AND THE SCRIPTURES

Every pastor and music director ought to have a copy of Music and the Scriptures by I. E. Reynolds.

This book should be on the desk of every Music Minister. Not only should it be handy but it should be used. Teach it. Write about it and use it.

### Hymn Players

All who are interested in Hymn Playing will do well to order from your Music Dept., Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, the mimeographed book "Hymn Playing" by Mrs. J. D. Riddle. It is the only book published under this title and dealing with this subject. The cost is 40 cents. Order today.

### Song Leaders

There is a small book called "Song Leading" by the Rodeheaver Co. that sells for about 50 cents. This book will mean much to the best of song leaders. It was written after thirty years of song leading in all sections of the world. Order this book from The Rodeheaver Co., Winona Lake, Indiana.

### New Choir Material

At our State Music Convention, October 11-12, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, you will find the largest display of church music ever shown in Mississippi. Be sure that your Choir Director, Church Pianist, Organist and Song Leader looks over this material and find out where to get it.

### State Missions and Music

If we had no State Mission Program we would have no Music Department. Every church in our State believes in Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U., and all of this work. This is State Missions at work in the local church.

The last Sunday in October is the day we make our special offering to State Missions. The Music Department is one hundred per cent behind this program. Let us do our best for Him who gave us the command to Go for His Cause.

### Music Convention

Our State Music Convention Program will be published in the Baptist Record next week. We believe that all church musicians and those interested in church music will enjoy the streamlined program. No long speeches! Every minute filled with something good!

The date is October 11-12, 1946 at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi.

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Baptists do not believe one can join the church unconsciously. This is a step which should be taken deliberately as a result of definite convictions.—John L. Hill in the Baptist Training Union magazine.

Reta Sowell, Yvonne Turner, Nell Byrd, Doyle Webb, Bryant Holder, Mary Carolyn Byrd, Dale Webb. PRIMARY, Sue Byrd, Sarah F. Byrd, Artis H. Byrd, J. P. Bufkin and Dorris Sowell.



## GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

### OAK GROVE, SIMPSON COUNTY, IS NO. 820

One of the newest EVERY FAMILY Churches is Oak Grove, Simpson County. The pastor is Rev. W. P. Sandifer. Having tried the EVERY FAMIL Plan in other churches he knew of its value.

The church treasurer is Mrs. C. B. Griffith, Rt. 3, Mendenhall.

Sunday School rooms have been added to the church building and they are now in the market for pews.

Simpson County Record readers are now listed as follows: ATHENS 5, ANTIOCH 11, BRAXTON 40, COATS 11, D'O 71, FORK 39, GOODWATER 9, HARRISVILLE 55, JUPITER 1, MAGEE 90, MENDENHALL 100, MT. ZION 88, NEW ZION 3, OAK GROVE 65, PALESTINE 24, PINE GROVE 10, DRY CREEK 7, PINOLA 49, PLEASANT HILL 40, PLEASANT VALLEY 36, SANATORIUM 2, SHIVERS 34, SILOAM 18, STONEWALL 31, STRONG RIVER 31, WEATHERSBY 31, MACEDONIA 57, SPRING HILL 8, SHIVERS 1, BEULAH 3, NEW HOPE 38.

### CLINTON

Dr. John Newport, Clinton pastor, having resigned and left for Edinburgh, Scotland where he will study toward the degree of doctor of philosophy, we had the privilege of preaching in our home church. As is usual at Clinton, there was a large and attentive audience at each service.

The Clinton church is well organized and the work goes right on pastor or no pastor. Herbert Batson, associate pastor is doing an excellent job as are all others connected with the church.

Already the pulpit committee is on the lookout for a pastor for this most strategic church.

Record readers in Hinds county are now listed as follows: BEULAH 47, BETHESDA 53, BOLTON 18, CALVARY 1151, CHAPEL HILL 22, CLINTON 209, DANIEL 67, DAVIS MEMORIAL 199, EDWARDS 34, GRIFFITH MEMORIAL 383, JACKSON FIRST 800, LEARNED 17, NORTH SIDE JACKSON 188, Palestine 8, PARKWAY 422, SOUTH SIDE, JACKSON 66, UTICA 71, NEW HAVEN 20, MT. MORGAN 20, VAN WINKLE 109, TERRY 109, RAWMOND 62, POCAHONTAS 22, SALEM 31, SEWELL 38, MIDWAY 12, EAST SIDE, JACKSON 25.

### LAFAYETTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lafayette County Association held its 26th annual session with Paris church on September 3. Eighteen of the 19 churches were represented. B. W. Jones served as moderator and Ira L. Hudson as clerk and treasurer. Rev. E. A. Autry preached the annual sermon.

Visiting brethren were: Rev. J. B. Parker, representing the Convention Board; W. G. Mize, the Orphanage; N. S. Jackson, the Anti-Saloon League and A. L. Goodrich, the Baptist Record.

Moderator Jones said we could have all the time we wanted but we took only 20 minutes to explain the advantages of the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. Questions took another five minutes. We are indebted

### Seven Missionaries Appointed

At the September meeting of the Foreign Mission Board seven new missionaries were appointed, three of them medical missionaries.

The four missionaries appointed to China are Dr. and Mrs. John Nelson Bryan of Dallas, Texas, and Dr. and Mrs. Clifton E. Harris of Pineville, Louisiana. Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Leigh Gillespie of Charleston, Illinois, were appointed to serve in Japan. Dr. Harold Braselton Canning of Ridgeland, South Carolina, was appointed for Nigeria, West Africa. Dr. Canning will leave for his field as soon as transportation is available. The missionaries to the Orient have enrolled for language study in Yale University before going to their stations in the Far East.—E.C.R.

—BR—

I was recently with the Locke Station Baptist Church for a series of services. There were six additions to the church. This church has the material and money in hand to erect a house of worship. Three came for rededication. Besides the love offering, these people filled the visiting preacher's car with all kinds of good things to eat.—Lloyd Shelton.

The summer revival of the Crowder Baptist Church was held the second week in August. Rev. Carmen Savell of Vardaman was the visiting preacher. There were nine additions to the church.—Lloyd Shelton

to Dr. F. M. Purser for arranging with the moderator to save us some time during the afternoon session. We made the Grenada in the morning and the Lafayette in the afternoon.

Officers elected for the 1947 session are: Rev. Paul Harlan, moderator; Ira L. Hudson, clerk and treasurer. B. W. Jones, prominent Clear Creek layman, who had served for many years as moderator asked that he not be re-elected. Yellow Leaf church will entertain the 1947 session. Rev. Robert Martin will preach the annual sermon.

Baptist Record readers in Lafayette County are now listed as follows: ANCHOR 19, CLEAR CREEK 41, OXFORD 66, Paris 10, NEW PROSPECT 47, SHILOH 21, UNION WEST 31, TAYLOR 30, Abbeville 5, Yellow Leaf 11, TULA 16, DELAY 12.

### DeSOTO COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The 1946 associational season began with the meeting of the DeSoto county association. The meeting convened with the church at Lewisburg.

Rev. M. C. Whitten was elected moderator and Rev. E. C. Horton vice-moderator. Dunway was named clerk and treasurer.

We went to the association to represent the State Convention Board and the Baptist Record. In addition we were asked to lead the opening devotional and then to preach the associational sermon.

The good women of the Lewisburg community set at high standard for dinners that is characteristic of Baptist women throughout the state.

DeSoto county now has Record readers listed as follows: EUDORA 82, HERNANDO 67, HORN LAKE 34, MACEDONIA 30, OAK GROVE 8, MT. ZION 17, NESBITT 3, NEW PROSPECT 1, ENTERPRISE 1, EBENEZER 1, OLIVE BRANCH 55, PLEASANT HILL 27.



### RELIEF OFFERING FALLING BEHIND

This is not an appeal in the interest of organizing new Brotherhoods. That is exceedingly important, but it can wait.

This appeal has not been inspired by denominational pride, though the writer has his share of denominational pride.

This is not an appeal in behalf of reaching certain goals and quotas though we believe strongly in goals and quotas.

This is an earnest appeal from one Baptist layman to one million other Baptist laymen, and in behalf of hungry people, millions of them.

We Southern Baptists told these hungry people that we would contribute \$3,500,000.00 for their relief. Up to September first we had given \$2,549,785.00 That's pretty good, but some distance from our goal.

Southern Baptists have never failed to respond generously to appeals from distressed people. They will not fail now. But the time is running out. We have only until September thirtieth to complete our offering.

Many churches plan to make their offerings during September. They will be generous in their giving. We are within 27.2 per cent, or \$950,215.00 of our goal and, men, we can make it if we dig deep.

Do not put this matter off until the last day. Hungry people cannot wait. Everytime your watch ticks, someone starves to death. This means that thirty-six hundred persons die of hunger every hour; eighty-six thousand four hundred, every twenty-four hours.

You figure out the rest: between now and midnight, September thirtieth, how many will starve to death if Southern Baptists fail to keep their pledge?

(Note: We reproduced in our column last week a portion of the article on Laymen's Day from the third quarter (1946) Brotherhood Journal by Lawson H. Cooke. By an error which we regret, credit was not given for the article; and no indication was given that it would be continued. The remainder of this very timely article follows.)

### HOW?

We suggest a very simple plan which will assure a successful Layman's Day. The details of this plan are important. Unless they are being carried out it is doubtful that the day will be very much more than any other Sunday.

1. There must be plenty of publicity.

Frequent announcements should be made in every department as well as at all regular church services. Every issue of the bulletin and church paper should carry a story. Personal letters announcing the date should be written. These should be sent about the first week in October to every man of the church.

2. A neat invitation card should be printed. It should call attention to Laymen's Day, and also carry a list of all services to be held in the church during the day. These cards should be distributed freely to all who will use them.

3. Nothing can take the place of a

## Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

personal contact. A general visitation afternoon or night should be arranged.

4. A survey of the adult male membership should be made. This survey should be conducted along the following lines:

a. Find out how many men there are on the church roll.

b. Deduct the non-resident members.

c. Deduct those in the armed services.

d. Deduct those who have work on Sunday.

e. Deduct the sick and shutins.

By this process of elimination we will have a list of the men who can come. This will be our real work list. We should have at least seventy-five percent of them in our services on Laymen's Day.

### WHAT?

Many questions have been asked regarding the best program for Laymen's Day. As most of the men will attend Sunday morning, our main emphasis should be placed on that service.

We must remember that many of these men have not been in church in a long while; some will be there for the first time. They will have come in response to our urgent invitation. We will have told them that they would like it. They must not go away disappointed.

These men will not expect a lot of stunts. They will not have come to see a show. They will be hungry for the warmth of Christian fellowship, the inspiration of good music, the uplift of a simple gospel message that relates itself in a definite, practical, way to the problems, the responsibilities, and the privileges of Christian citizenship.

The Brotherhood motto, "We lose ourselves in the life of our church," will furnish an excellent theme for the entire service. A good male chorus will add greatly to the impressiveness of the occasion. Extra congregational singing will give added enjoyment; men like to sing. Appropriate pulpit decorations will also help. Do not press for a special offering. That might give the impression, "Let's get the money while we have them here; we may not have this chance again." We certainly will not.

We must always keep before us the fact that Laymen's Day is for the men of our churches, so its observance should be masculine in every detail. It must be inspiring and challenging, gripping the imagination of men and causing them to see the bigness of the world program of their church and denomination. — Lawson H. Cooke, Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal.

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### MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

Sept. 23—Mrs. R. E. Covington, Chairman W. M. U. District Six. Mrs. Edith Davis, Wayne County Associational Sunday School Superintendent.  
Sept. 24—Ben Stevens, Trustee, Woman's College.  
Sept. 25—Rev. Chester Quarles, Member Committee on Social Service.  
Sept. 26—J. O. Boyd, District Training Union President.  
Sept. 27—Dr. W. A. Sullivan, Trustee, Mississippi College.  
Sept. 28—Miss Nettie Ece Traylor, office secretary, W. M. U. Department.  
Sept. 29—W. L. McMullen, member Board of Ministerial Education.



"Let all things be done decently and in order."

### THE CHURCH BUDGET

The What and Why of It

Single and Double Budgets

How to Make and Raise It

How to Keep It Balanced

By J. E. Dillard

Jesus said, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). It is a shame for the business of a Baptist church to be run in a hap-hazard way. If businessmen exercised no better judgment in running their own affairs than they frequently do in caring for the business of the churches, the most of them would go into bankruptcy.

It ought not to be that way; it need not be that way. We should exercise as fine judgment in conducting the affairs of a church or a denomination as we would in running a bank or any other great business enterprise. We need religious sense in our business and business sense in our religion.

Big business men and successful little businessmen have found that it pays to have a budget and live up to it. Even the most of our well-regulated homes are so run; why not our churches?

#### I. The What And Why Of A Church Budget

A church budget is a plan for properly balancing income and outgo. It is based upon a careful study of needs and probable income; it seeks to so adjust the expenditures that the various needs will be cared for proportionately and adequately without running into debt. It is a better way of doing business for the Lord.

If such a budget is carefully and prayerfully prepared, then informally and sympathetically presented to the people and cheerfully and enthusiastically adopted and worked it will help in many ways:

##### How It Helps

1. It will inform the people of the amount of money needed by the several departments of church work including home expenses, missions, education, benevolence, etc.
2. It will so classify the several needs as to make clear the amount to be spent on each one.
3. It will so list causes and amounts that it can be readily seen if any are omitted or disproportionately provided for.
4. It will inform departmental heads of amounts available and warn against extravagance.
5. It will enable the church at all times to know whether any department is spending too much, and whether any cause is being neglected.
6. It will enable the church to know whether the benevolent and missionary causes are being fairly treated.
7. It will enable the church to check expenditures or increase receipts before running far in debt and, where necessary, cut expenses without giving offense.

Every church should have a carefully prepared budget.

#### II. Types Of Church Budgets

There are many kinds of church budgets, perhaps no two are exactly alike. But in general we may group them into two or three classes:

##### The Unified Budget

##### 1. The Single or Unified Budget.

The single or unified budget is designed to include all the causes which the church supports. These causes may be classified as local and general:

Local causes include pastor's salary, other salaries, heat and light, insurance, supplies, repairs, incidentals, etc., also all literature and other needs of the Sunday school, Training Union, W.M.U. organizations, Brotherhood, etc.

The general causes are those included in the Co-operative Program. These are state causes, and Southwide causes, which include Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Relief and Annuity Board, Southern Baptist Seminary, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Baptist Bible Institute, W.M.U. Training School, American Baptist Seminary, etc.

The distribution of funds to these causes is according to special amounts or by the allotment of certain percentages. Prayerful care should be exercised to see that the allotment or percentage to the missionary causes is fair and such as will meet the approval of our Lord and of an enlightened Christian conscience.

This unified plan assumes that all offerings from all persons and organizations will go into the one treasury of the church and from this one treasury all expenses will be paid and all distributions of funds will be faithfully made.

##### Some Advantages of This Plan:

- (1) It unites all persons and organizations in one effort to support the whole program of the church.
- (2) It sees that all causes are included and (presumably) that all items and causes are equitable cared for.
- (3) It does away with many calls, many treasurers, much bookkeeping, and unifies the financial plan of the church.
- (4) It enables the church itself to control and direct the finances instead of having many organizations with their pet objects and plans which often conflict and overlap.
- (5) It contemplates one offering from each member each week to be divided among all the causes fostered by the church. This offering may be turned in at any meeting but goes to the church treasury at last and is entered upon the treasurer's book.
- (6) It facilitates accurate bookkeeping, complete records, monthly reports, and periodical audits.

##### Some Cautions

There are a few things about this unified plan that call for serious and constant attention:

- (1) There is the danger that reasonable amounts or percentages will not be given to the missionary and benevolent causes of the denomination. It is as truly the duty of the church to provide for the causes included in the

In every service of our churches everyone should be led to have a consciousness of the living presence of Christ.—J. E. Lambdin on the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

The complete task of every Baptist church is a world task. This world task begins in the community in which the church is located.—J. E. Lambdin in the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

That flickering gas light shining through the window of the rural church or the soft-toned light filtering through the mosaic pattern of a stained glass window in a city church is more than a beacon to those who are distressed and in need. It is a positive witness in a world of confusion and doubt.—Porter Routh in the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

God is not worried over atomic energy, for it is his creation; but God is concerned for the man who has learned the physical laws of the universe and has neglected to discover the great spiritual realities.—Porter Routh in the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

The place of worship should be beautiful, inside and outside, inviting and inspiring people to worship.—Herman F. Burns in the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

The liquor interests advocate what they call temperance, namely moderate drinking, but Christian thinkers and writers interpret temperance to mean total abstinence from the use of intoxicants.—O. T. Binkley in the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

Great Commission as it is to preach the Gospel in its own neighborhood. "As much for others as for ourselves" certainly ought to be the ultimate aim of every church and, while it may not be possible for some churches to reach that goal now, every church ought to look upon 50-50 division of funds as an ideal and work toward it. Some can go beyond it.

(2) Then there is the temptation to pay the pastor's salary and other local expenses first, and sometimes mission funds are used for this purpose and never paid back. This is dead wrong. Any treasurer who does this is misappropriating funds and any pastor worth his salt will protest against it if he knows it; and he ought to know it.

(3) A third weakness of this plan is that in churches lacking in missionary education and passion the individual subscriber is discouraged from making a fair division of funds to the mission causes without seeming to oppose the plan of his church.

Every contributor should co-operate with the plan his church adopts unless he feels the mission causes are not being fairly treated. In such case he can make "over and above" offerings to the mission causes or instruct the treasurer to divide his offering differently. It is the inherent right of a donor to say how his gift shall be used and it is the duty of the treasurer to comply with the instruction of the donor.

This unified plan is a good one when used with discretion and watchful care. (Use Every-Member Canvass card No. 2.)

##### 2. The Double or Duplex Budget.

This is a budget that has two distinct parts, one for the local expenses of the church, the other for the denominational causes. Usually definite amounts are set apart for the several items of local expense and percentages are named for the missionary and benevolent causes. Such items as 3% of the pastor's salary for the Minister's Retirement plan and amounts to care for local and community charities should be listed on the local expense side.

The percentages to the denominational causes are usually divided between state and Southwide causes according to the recommendation of the state convention. (Both state and Southwide causes are included in the Co-operative Program. The state convention determines the state causes to be included and the percentages of distribution; the Southern Baptist Convention does the same for the Southwide causes; 50-50 division of funds between the two being considered the ideal ratio.)

1. This plan contemplates two separate and distinct budgets but both are promoted at the same time and by the same people.
2. It contemplates the use of a subscription card providing for subscriptions to each side of the budget according to the wish of the donor (use Every-Member Canvass card No.1).
3. It contemplates the use of a double-pocket envelope or an envelope with spaces for writing the amounts contributed to each side of the budget.
4. It contemplates the keeping of a double record treasurer's book (or two books) showing the amounts contributed to each side of the budget.
5. It contemplates keeping separate the two funds, remitting the denominational part promptly and properly marked to the state secretary-treasurer and disbursing the local portion according to the instructions of the church (some churches have different treasurers for the two funds).
6. It contemplates regular monthly reports to the church. When either or both sides of the budget fall behind an immediate effort should be made to remedy the situation.
7. All undesignated money received should be divided proportionately between the two funds.

##### Remarks

1. Churches having building debts must provide for interest and principal payments either by special appeals or by including the same in the local expense budget. Some churches use a triple budget, viz.: (1) local expenses, (2) Co-operative Program (M & B), (3) building fund.
2. Which of the above plans is best the church itself must decide. Perhaps the one will work best that is best worked. The single budget is more nearly ideal as a plan, but more difficult to put in and keep up; the double budget allows more initiative and individual liberty. The triple budget is wise where a large debt exists.
3. Don't tell your people there will be no extra calls for money unless you put a large contingent or miscellaneous item in the budget. It is better to tell them frankly that some special calls may come but that no appeal will be made for such without ample notice and full explanation. The special days provided in the Calendar of Denominational Activities are primarily for educational and inspirational purposes.

(to be continued next week)



# MISSIONARY RESPONSE

## LOCAL MISSION STATIONS

"If a little church can start out with 28 members in a poor neighborhood and lead all the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention

in baptisms over a period of ten years, it must have something worth looking into. That something is local mission stations." These words constitute a paragraph in the newest booklet printed by the Home Mission Board.



DR. S. F. DOWIS

Rev. R. C. Howard, pastor of Kelham Avenue Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, has prepared for general distribution a story of the progress of his church in local missions.

The city mission program of the Home Mission Board encourages churches to set up mission stations. The Sunday School Board encourages mission Sunday schools. The extension of the church influence to regions beyond is important in this day when it is difficult to get hosts of people to attend regular services in the church buildings. One answer to that question is the mission station promoted by the local church.

Pastor R. C. Howard led his church to organize 23 local mission stations. Many of these developed into churches. The Kelham Avenue Church at this time has 7 mission stations in operation.

In the city mission program which sponsors local church missions, the state boards and the Home Mission Board carry on a co-operative work. There are some 40 superintendents of city missions in the larger cities and many city mission programs in smaller communities.

## DR. GRAY ILL

Dr. B. D. Gray, Secretary Emeritus of the Home Mission Board who for 25 years served the Board actively as its head, underwent an operation in Georgia Baptist Hospital early in September. The reports are that he is doing well.

## EVANGELISM SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS

Dr. Fred C. Eastham, superintendent of evangelism for the past two years, presented his resignation at the September meeting of

the Home Mission Board and announced his acceptance of the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri, to which city he moved September 15. The first year of his service with the Board was spent in the Centennial Crusade. The greatest number of Baptisms in the history of the Southern Baptists occurred during that year. The new year has been fraught with outstanding success in a number of revival efforts. In his resignation, Dr. Eastham stated, "the fine fellowship I enjoyed with the departmental heads and staff, as well as every missionary associated with the Board, shall never be forgotten. During the 22 months I served, I learned to appreciate the great work you are doing, and I pledge you my support and co-operation in every phase of your work."

The resignation was accepted with regrets.

## STUDENT SECRETARY

Dr. S. E. Grinstead, highly recommended by Dr. Frank Leavell, has accepted a position with the Home Mission Board to be student secretary in Negro colleges. The work is to be patterned after the B.S.U. of Southern Baptists.

## NEW MISSIONARIES

In connection with the Mexican work, Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Lerin, Rev. Frank Ramirez, Rev. Desiderio Calzoncit, and Rev. B. C. Cuelar were appointed as new missionaries.

Rev. and Mrs. Goodwin K. Cobb are new workers in Indian missions.

Miss Marjorie Lee Bailey has been chosen for Good Will Center work in New Orleans. Miss Mary Tarry and Miss Bidstrup also received appointment for this type of work.

Miss Katherine Todd was named to serve in the Italian Good Will Center of Ensley, Ala.

## SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS

Miss Margaret Hutchison, for seventeen years young people's secretary of the W.M.U. of Arkansas, has accepted a position with the Home Mission Board in Atlanta as associate in the department of schools of missions.

Bringing to the department rich experience and unusual ability, Miss Hutchison will be of invaluable assistance to Rev. Lewis W. Martin, who heads the schools of missions department. Her wide knowledge of missionary personnel and her understanding of Home Missions, will make her writings and program planning of great help to Southern Baptists.

The schools of missions department promoted 153 simultaneous city-wide or associational-wide schools during the past twelve-months' period, and many other schools which were not simultaneous, furnishing 174 Home missionaries in the school program. In various camps and other activities, a total of 183

Home missionaries were used under the direction of the department, with 572 missionary weeks provided. These Home Mission speakers visited 2,291 churches in the annual period, and were heard in 18 states by 525,527 persons. As a result, many missionary recruits have entered school to prepare for missionary work at home and abroad.

## CO-OPERATIVE MISSIONS

Inasmuch as the city mission program and the rural work, as well as that in western states, all come under the head of co-operative missions, work done by the Home Mission Board and state mission boards jointly, Dr. S. F. Dowis was designated to be superintendent of co-operative work for the rest of the year. Thus city, rural, and western mission programs are combined under one general co-operative program.

## HOME MISSIONS AND MEN

L. H. Tapscott, State Brotherhood Secretary of Texas, sends an order to the Home Mission Board for materials to make up an envelope to be marked "Baptist Home Mission Work" and provided for brotherhoods. He has made a splendid suggestion and selection of materials. In the large envelope will be two small envelopes containing the materials. In one, will be found "Victories of A Century," "Do You Know?", A New Day for Home Missions, map of Home Mission fields, and copies of Southern Baptist Home Missions.

In the other envelope there will be copies of "God's Way of Salvation"; "Home Fellowship Hour"; "Plainly, How to Be Saved"; "Brightening Up Heaven"; "If You Are a Baptist, Why Not Belong?"; "Evangelism in the Home"; "Conserving the Results of Evangelism."

Congratulations to Secretary Tapscott. Does it suggest anything to you?

## CHAPLAIN IN KOREA

From Lt. Col. Alvie L. McKnight, division chaplain in Korea, comes an interesting sidelight to affairs in Korea. "I know of no greater way in which money could be used in Korea than to fulfill the need for needles and sewing thread. Mrs. Underwood tells me that she has been rationing needles one per family since her return to the field two months ago and related the story of one woman who walked three miles over the hills to secure a needle for a sick woman in order that she might be able to make winter clothing for her children."

The office force of the Home Mission Board sent to Korea a box containing twenty pounds of writing paper, pencils, crayons, needles, safety pins, and elastic.

## HONORARY DEGREES

Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus has been honored with doctor's degrees conferred by Union University and Georgetown College.



## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary . . . Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi  
Associates: Joe Abrams, Louise Hill, Clarice Conner, Alene Johnson

### HAVE YOU HAD A PART IN THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIEF CAMPAIGN?

Relief means food, fuel, clothing, and medical supplies for immediate aid. Relief is needed to keep human beings alive. Rehabilitation is needed to get fields and gardens planted, to restore family life, to get bombed-out churches, and schools, and hospitals functioning again, so that people in the devastated countries can reconstruct and produce for their own needs and minister to their own people. The \$3,500,000.00 Southern Baptists are raising and hope to complete by September 30th, will go a long way in helping solve the above problem. Rev. S. C. Michelfelder of Geneva, Switzerland said, "Who took from the churches the right to minister to the needy? even if governments were doing an adequate job, Christians still have the duty to help. . . In as much as you do it to the least of these—Japanese, Germans, Poles, Finns—you do it to me". I have never been hungry, have you? I mean hungry with no food available. We have never had, in my day, such dire need as the eastern world now has. Let every Training Union member, yes every church member have a part in this Christian offering.

### BETHECH CHURCH, MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES

On August 25th a good group of the members of Bethel church, Mississippi Association came together and a training union was organized with four units: Story Hour, Mrs. Percy Pierce, Leader; Junior Union, Mrs. James K. Jones, Leader; Young People's Union, Mrs. Aumack Bates, Counselor; B.A.U., Mrs. Edgar Jones, President. Mr. Percy Pierce was elected director; Mr. Matt Duck, Asso. Director; Mrs. Matt Duck, Secretary; Mr. Ellis Jones and Emmet Kirkland musicians. Each officer accepted his office enthusiastically. Mrs. A. G. Felder, Associational Director helped in the organization and received a hearty "thank you" from the church.

Pastor G. E. Wells is rejoicing over this progressive step the church has made. He is leading the church in a building program that is soon to get under way which will give the church a two story educational addition.

### MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS (Continued from Page Three)

23,000,000 cubic yards of material. The spillway is a concrete-lined channel, 1,200 feet long and 285 feet wide, the bottom being ten feet above sea level, sloping to sea level at the lower end.

Near the north wall is a hydro-electric station; it is capable of generating through the turbines, which are supplied with water from the lake through a forebay, sufficient electricity to meet all demands, including the lighting of the canal and all canal zone towns and buildings; machinery of the locks, the machine shops, dry docks and coal-handling plant; and the telephone and telegraph systems. There is an emergency diesel electric plant at Miraflores.

11. On the Pacific side, at Pedro Miguel, south of the Pacific end of the cut, the water is held at summit level above the sea, by Pedro Miguel Lock and two flanking dams which extend from the side walls of the lock to hills on either side.

The distance between the hills, at an elevation

### EAST FORK, MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES

Thanks to pastor Melvin T. Wilson for a report on a newly organized Training Union in the East Fork church, Mississippi Association. (This association is made up of Wilkinson and Amite counties) Mr. Sam Campbell is the director and Miss Elaine Campbell the secretary. Brother Wilson came to this church May 1st and the union has been organized since his arrival. Recently a helpful study course was taught for all three unions. Brother Wilson teaching the adults Building A Christian Home, Mrs. Mary Brumfield led the Intermediates in the study of The Meaning of Church Membership, and the Juniors had the pleasure of having Mrs. Melvin Wilson teach them This is My Bible. A good study course is nourishing food for any group. Food is a growth producing quantity. If you would see your members grow, lead them in many study courses.

### MT. VERNON CHURCH, MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES

We have also received a third report from Mississippi Association on the organization of a Training Union in the Mt. Vernon Church. This Training Union is composed of four units. The officers are: Director, Mr. Kelly Wall; Associate Director, Mr. Elex Brabham; Secretary, Mrs. N. R. Bean; B.A.U. President, Mrs. J. R. Lowrey; Young People's Leader, Mrs. J. N. Reynolds; Junior Leader, Mrs. Willie White, and Story Hour Leader, Mrs. E. H. Hurst.

### CHARLESTON LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

When five state training union workers moved in on Charleston the first of the last week in August Baptists began to prick up their ears and wonder what was that important that FIVE outside workers would come to one church for a week. Well they came to find out, and it proved to be a great week of inspiration and helpfulness. It was a Leadership School and leaders from Spring Hill, Cowart, and Paynes churches came. Following the class work each night a very helpful motion picture was shown by Mr. Austin Neely, Intermediate Leader in the church. These pictures were helpful lessons of soul winning, each picture was followed by a hymnologue in colors. The enrollment went

of 92 feet, is 2,000 feet. The Pedro Miguel lock raises or lowers ships 31 feet.

### Missionary Work in Canal Zone

There is great need for missionary work in the Canal Zone; however at this time we have 21 mission stations, 25 missionaries, property valued at \$48,290, and a population of 1,600,000 to be served.

The need now is for additional missions, missionaries, \$260,000 for church and mission buildings, an operating budget of \$30,000, and a total number of workers of 39.

Baptist work in the Canal Zone began about 1883 by lay preachers. In 1900 the Jamaica Baptist Union sent Rev. Moss Loverage as the first missionary to this field. The French abandoned the canal in 1889. The U.S. took control in 1901 and began construction in 1904. The West Indian work to our Home Mission Board started in 1908. In 1910 Rev. Stephen Witt, who had been working in Costa Rica, was called to the Atlantic side, while Rev. Loverage had to resign because of ill health and return to England. In 1931 Rev. and Mrs. Witt gave

to over a hundred, and the peak attendance was 86. The following week three of our workers served Spring Hill, Cowart and Paynes in an All Church Study Course with good results. Pastor David Cranford, and Director, Mildred Sepp of the Charleston church, pastor Kermit Canterbury, and Director, A. P. Shook, of the Paynes church; pastor James Shoemaker, and Director, Joyce Holland, of Cowart church; Pastor Dan Cameron, and Director, W. S. Priddy, of Spring Hill church were in the making of the plans that carried so well. Brother Canterbury served as one of the teachers in the Leadership School, teaching the Intermediate class. The Association as "Our right at hand missionary opportunity" was emphasized throughout the two weeks work. The matter of one church, in brotherly love, helping another church to envision the possibilities of larger growth and usefulness through an "organized for training membership" was the key note, and will continue to be in all of our Training Union promotional work.

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The third week of August found Rev. F. W. Gillespie of Dyer, Tenn. with the Tocowa Baptist Church for a series of services. The morning crowds ranged from 102 to 135. The church was filled to capacity at the evening services. Many say that was in many respects the greatest revival ever experienced in Tocowa's long and colorful history. There were ten additions to the church.—Lloyd Shelton.

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### GENE FLEMING LICENSED TO PREACH

Eugepe Morris Fleming, son of Mrs. Grace Fleming, and the late E. C. Fleming of Kosciusko and Aberdeen, Mississippi, now of 289 South Watkins, Memphis, Tennessee, was licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church of Memphis, in special business session on Sunday evening, September 8, 1946.

Gene is a graduate of the Aberdeen, Mississippi, high school and served fifteen months of the two and one-half years he was in the Air Corps in the Pacific theater.

Since moving to Memphis early this year, he has attended Memphis State College and has been active in the First Baptist Church there as a Sunday school teacher and as director of the Intermediate department of the Training Union.

Gene left Sunday night to enroll as a student in Mississippi College, Clinton, to begin his preparation for the ministry.

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Bear Creek, Atalla Co.—Rev. C. B. Hamlet of Winona, assisted Pastor C. F. Anglin at Bear Creek, the second week in August. Many doctrinal teachings were made clear. Ten were received by baptism and one by letter.

In a recent revival at County Line, Copiah County, Dr. Charles L. McKay was the visiting evangelist. He had a message for the times and there was a great awakening among the people. The spirit of the meeting continues to exist among the people. A new house of worship is to be dedicated the first Sunday of October, and the present pastorium has been sold and work will begin on a modern brick home near the church in the near future. Rev. L. C. Hoff is the pastor.

up the work. Over a period of ten years there were no American missionaries on the field.

In 1941 shortly after Pearl Harbor, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Bell arrived in Panama. They found five full-time churches and one full-time pastor. The first thing they did was to set up a training class for prospective workers. Brother Yearwood, who was giving only part time, went to full time by the Board.

A little later a deacon who was acting as a lay preacher was ordained and appointed by the Board to full-time work as pastor of Red Tank and Gatun churches. Dr. Bell assumed the pastorate of the Calidonia and Chorrillo churches. For justifiable reasons the two churches were consolidated and given the name of Calvary. From time to time they selected young men to go to the States to train for work in order to help meet the needs.

There seems to be no field affording a greater challenge to Southern Baptists than Panama and Canal Zone. Baptists with a true gospel can help to make this a great Christian center.



## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary      W. E. ROBERTS, Associate  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

### PROMOTION DAY IS NEAR

Sunday, September 29, is Promotion Day in the Sunday school. The last Sunday in September is that day each year.

That is the day to observe promotion throughout the school—regardless of age—so as to keep the school properly graded. This should be done for all age groups, from Nursery through Adult. In grading Adults, and observing Promotion Day with them, put a placard over each Adult class room door with the age range of that class, which range should be as narrow as possible. Call the attention of all the Adults to this in the general assembly, and ask each one to go to the class room where his age places him. When there has been good preparation with the leaders for this, there will be but few exceptions to the proper grading of Adults.

A good Promotion Day program is given on pages 47 and 48 of the September Builder. We hope every school will plan for the proper observance of Promotion Day on Sunday, September 29.

### Installation Service

Since October is the beginning of a new church year, many departments and classes will be installing new officers and teachers. We have free copies of a splendid installation service for Young People's departments and classes. The message of it is, "Builders in a Common Task," and it was prepared by Mrs. R. W. Wallis, of Portsmouth, Va.

We shall be glad to send them on request.

### Another New Leaflet

Mr. A. V. Washburn, Director of the Training Program of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, has a new leaflet entitled, "Suggested Training Programs."

It is well prepared and will help us greatly in our plans for training during October, the regular fall month for Sunday school training. Write us for one of these leaflets.

And, let's make great plans for an unusual emphasis on Sunday school training during October. Trained workers are better workers. Every church should do its best to thoroughly train all of its workers. Let's make October of this year our best thus far. Each year should be better than the one before.

### Leake Has Central School

Under the direction and planning of Mr. M. D. Reagan, the Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Leake county recently had a splendid central training school with sessions in the Carthage church.

The teachers were: Mrs. W. M. Scrivner, Mrs. Hobson Sherman, Mrs. G. C. Williams, Mrs. Frank Young, Mrs. H. H. Brooks, Mrs. A. A. Ward and Rev. A. A. Ward.

The Department books were used in each case, except one general book. Sixty awards were issued as a result of that week's work. A fine number of churches were represented each evening and they are now planning an associational Sunday school training banquet for one night in the late fall.

Congratulations to Superintendent Reagan and his fellow workers.

### Fourth Again!

Mississippi was fourth among all the

states in the total number of Sunday school training awards during August, being excelled by only Texas, North Carolina and Florida.

Our sincere thanks to all who had a part in this noble work of preparing their workers for better Sunday school work. Training is one thing that pays all the time, and it can be done any month of the year.

So, let's get set for a great month of training in October. Write us for the leaflets that give all the books and awards, requirements, etc.

Remember: trained workers are better workers.

### A Good Record!

Of the states with 1500 or more churches, Mississippi stands fourth in the percentage of churches reporting Sunday school training for the period October 1, 1944, to September 30, 1945.

Our very sincere thanks to all who helped make this good record.

### No Pay Wanted

"Let me tell you what I'm doing this week," said one of our summer workers just after she had finished her regular work with us.

"I'm helping in a colored Bible school here. You should see the enthusiasm of the boys and girls. It is a wonderful experience for me, and I surely don't want any pay for helping them."

Such service is appreciated. It is a good way to aid the great cause of missions right in our midst. Many churches and individuals are now each summer helping these people in their Vacation Bible schools.

### Learn and Do

Learning is for one purpose, namely, to put into practice what we learn. There is no other justification for learning.

The Bible says something to the effect that if we know these things, happy are we if we do them. There it is in a nut shell. The Lord had the idea in mind when he had that put in the Bible.

Just so, the purpose of learning how to have bigger and better Sunday schools is for the one purpose of striving, through the use of that information, to have just such schools. Why learn how to have them if we are not going to work to that end? That is the purpose of our study courses and all that is involved in the study and learning part of the program. It all goes back to the great fundamental of acting upon what we have learned.

If one will learn and then do, he will make progress. Neither is complete in itself. It takes both to complete the circle. Knowledge without doing is incomplete; so is trying to do without knowing what is best to do.

—BR—

Association with the best people in the world, fellowship in forms of service which meet the vital needs of humanity, responding personally and collectively to world calls, experiencing the assurance of the wisdom, strength, and guidance of the Father in all things, and realizing that one invests time, talent, and money not for time, but for eternity—these are some of the returns that come to the Christian who is loyal to his church, who puts Christ above all in both motivation and expression.—John L. Hill in the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

## RUSSIA for CHRIST



### THE GREAT CHALLENGE OF THIS AGE

50 RUSSIAN AND UKRAINIAN BAPTIST REFUGEES HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL TO CARRY THE GOSPEL TO THEIR PEOPLE.

The Bible House of Washington, D. C., formerly the Italian Embassy, now the property of the Russian Bible Society, where refugee Russian Christians from the "displaced persons" camps in Europe will be housed and trained for missionary and Bible colporteur work.

### WILL YOU HELP?

Can we, who are living in beautiful, safe America, visualize even a little bit what multitudes of our fellow Baptists have gone through in Europe? Are not many of us, who are provided with all the necessities of life, in the United States, like the rich man in Christ's parable, while the poor and wounded Lazarus of Europe is lying at our heart's doorstep, and we notice him not, and do not hear his groanings for help? Does not the Word of God remind us of our sacred duty to our fellowmen, even if they be strangers to us, for the man who had fallen among the thieves on the way from Jerusalem to Jericho was a stranger to the Samaritan. And the name of the DESPISED Samaritan has been changed into that of "GOOD Samaritan," because he was moved by compassion to help a stranger from another race.

### APPEALS FROM EUROPE

On the 29th of March, 1946 an urgent letter came to the Russian Bible Society from a refugee camp in Belgium signed by 33 Russian and Ukrainian Baptists, who have come through great suffering. They ask for theological and missionary training so they can return to minister to their people. As we began to pray for these first thirty-three refugees in Belgium, and our hearts went out to them in increasing measure, other letters from refugee Russian Baptists in other camps in Europe began to reach our Washington office.

A young Russian brother who had been a Sunday School teacher in Pastor Malof's Baptist Church in Eastern Europe writes: "I got news about your Bible School. The Brethren here desire to get to that School. Our names are in the supplementary list which we shall be sending to you through an American brother. I ask of you very much please help us to get to the School. My father died two years ago. My mother remained weeping on the shore of the river Daugava, when I was leaving Riga. My youngest brother, Enoch, was arrested by the Germans and carried away somewhere to Germany, and nothing has been heard of him since. I now turn to you as my spiritual father and ask you to do what is possible that I may get over to you." From a refugee Pastor, Germany: "Dear Pastor Malof:—I felt impressed to write you and ask for special prayers. I feel as though you can give me some advice through God. Here is my problem. I was brought here by the Nazis in 1944, and now I am a displaced person with my family of

four. I would like to attend your Bible Seminary and become a missionary under the Russian Bible Society. Would it be possible for me and some other Latvian pastors to come to the United States and enter your seminary—and from there be sent as missionaries? It is the most critical time we have ever seen in our lives and we would be glad to come to a country where we would be allowed to continue in our calling. I sincerely hope that you be in a position to help in this time of need. Please give this matter your immediate attention to lift the burden from our shoulders, through the help of God. Rudolph K."

### SHARE IN THIS WORK

In response to these moving appeals the Russian Bible Society has decided to receive in the first instance fifty of these worthy Russian refugee Baptists in our Bible Institute. We alone cannot do it, we look for help to the Lord above, and to His faithful stewards here below. The passage of each will be \$300; first year of training, room and board \$50.00 monthly, \$600; total \$900. The funds are needed immediately as we desire to negotiate with the U. S. Government to bring them. How blessed it would be if 50 churches or Sunday Schools, Bible Classes or individuals would each sponsor the needs of one of these missionary candidates. This is a most unusual opportunity and privilege. Never before in the whole history of America has there come an appeal from such a large number of refugee Russian Baptists to be brought to America, and to be trained as soul winners. Bible teachers, evangelists, missionaries and Bible colporteurs. In future through their preaching, thousands of Russians will come to Christ, and by helping them now, you will have a share in that great harvest of souls.

NOTE: Pastors and churches desiring to have a personal visit from Pastor Malof, President of the Russian Bible Society, founder of the first Russian Baptist Churches in St. Petersburg and Moscow, or from another representative may send invitations to the Russian Bible Society, P. O. Box 2709, Washington, D. C. Readers who would like to read Pastor Malof's thrilling life story, with 45 illustrations, "SENTENCED TO SIBERIA", the story of his missionary work in Russia, persecution, imprisonment, sentenced to Siberia and God's wonderful deliverance may send their orders to the same address. Price \$1.00 including postage.



Please cut this out and forward with your gift to:

THE RUSSIAN BIBLE SOCIETY, INC.,  
P. O. Box 2709, Washington, D. C.

Dear Russian Bible Society:

In response to your appeal in

I have the pleasure of enclosing my gift:

For the Refugee Baptist Student passage and support \$

For the Russian Bible publishing fund \$

For Pastor Malof's Life Story, "SENTENCED TO SIBERIA" \$

Each contributor will be kept advised of the progress of this work through the magazine, "Russia Calling," subscription deduction 50c.

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"And this I do for the Gospel's sake, that I may be partaker thereof with you."

I. Cor. 9:25.



## He Paid His Debt Of Gratitude

R. S. Jones, Associate Secretary

He was a retired minister 76 years of age, living in a small village in a small house on a two acre tract of ground. He was cultivating a small garden and renting the remainder of the two acres to his neighbors as pasture for their cows. For this they paid him one dollar per month per cow during the grazing season.

A neighboring pastor, informed that the old preacher was ill, went to make him a visit and took the writer with him. We found him sick in body and in much distress of mind and heart.

Some years before he had found it necessary to give a mortgage on his home for six hundred dollars because of a long hospital experience. For four years he had been unable to pay the interest or make any payment on the principle of the loan.

A few days before our visit he had received a notice from the bank that held the mortgage that the bank had foreclosed on the mortgage and that the home would be sold for the debt. As he told of his misfortune, in great anguish he said over and over, "What will we do? Where will we go?" His wife, trying to console him, said, "Dear, the Lord has never failed us and He will not fail us now."

The neighboring pastor asked him what bank held the mortgage. When the bank was named, he said, "I know Mr.---- who is president of that bank. He is a deacon in my church." The old preacher said, "I know him too; I baptized him and married him."

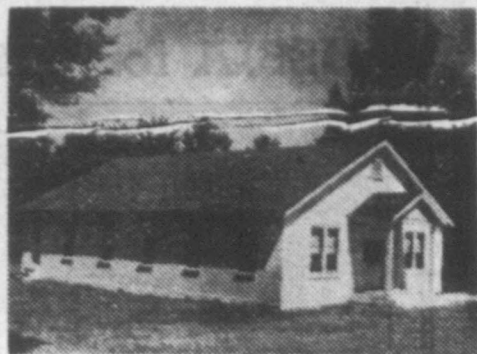
On our return to the city, we went to the bank and talked with the banker about his old friend. On being asked if he knew the old preacher he said, "I surely do. I was converted under his preaching; he baptized me and married me. I love him like a father; there is nothing I would not do for him."

He was then asked if he knew that his bank was selling the old man's home to pay off a mortgage held by his bank. He said, "Surely, you must be mistaken about that." He called the loan department and found it to be true. He gave orders to that department to call off the suit. The house was not sold. Out of a heart of gratitude, the banker paid off the mortgage and saw that the future needs of the man, who had meant so much in his life, were met. A tragedy was there averted.

The Relief and Annuity Board has been able to avert tragedies in every community of our Southland by coming to the relief of those who have grown old in the service of our Lord and Savior.

Many men and women of wealth among Southern Baptists were converted under the preaching of those who are on the relief roll of the Relief and Annuity Board. They receive checks regularly, but often in amounts to provide only the bare necessities of life. We need to do more for these heroes of the cross, and will do more when those who have been blessed by their ministry pay their debt of gratitude for service rendered.

You can make it possible for this Board to enlarge its ministry to that group to whom Southern Baptists owe so much by making a cash gift to the work of the Relief and Annuity Board or by making a bequest to this



### DEDICATION SERVICE FOR TOCOWA CHURCH

The new Tocowa Baptist church was dedicated on Sunday, July 21, when a large crowd of former members and friends made the event a real "home coming." At the 11 o'clock hour Dr. J. W. Lee, who has since passed away, preached. In the afternoon, following a period of fellowship and lunch, the dedication was held.

The history of the church was read, as well as the list of those who donated to the fund for the building. The dedication message was given by Dr. Martin McKinster of Clarke College at Newton, a former pastor. Pastor Loyd T. Shelton led the congregation in the dedication of the house.

Tocowa church was organized September 20, 1896 under the leadership of Dr. J. W. Lee and Rev. A. A. Lomax. Among the charter members were: Mrs. P. Burnett, Miss Ada Burnett, Mrs. E. J. Burnett, Mrs. Ada Shuford, Mrs. Lou Wall Reeves, Miss Della Woodruff, Miss Lizzie Woodruff, T. A. Tubbs, C. R. Tubbs, Mrs. Mattie Tubbs, Thomas Hays, Dock Burnett, D. A. Burnett, Mrs. Mamie Figg and L. H. Shuford. Several of these are still living. Pastors of the church have been: S. A. Woodruff, M. J. Derrick, H. W. Rockett, S. L. Courtney, J. C. Givens, J. P. Sumner, R. A. Cooper, S. H. Shepherd, H. S. Jones and Martin McKinster. The present pastor, Loyd Shelton came in 1943.

The building committee was composed of: Will Benson, Robert Onkst, Bobo Faulkner, Bennett Tubbs and Mrs. Jarrett Faulkner. These worked with Pastor Shelton faithfully.

The Vacation Bible School at Tocowa this year enrolled 90 with 76 average attendance, 44 of whom had perfect records. The faculty was composed of: Mrs. W. C. Adams, Mrs. Jarrett Faulkner, Mrs. Jack Darby, Mrs. Robert Onkst, Mrs. Fred Weeks, Mrs. Bennett Tubbs, Mrs. Hubert Avery, Mrs. Clyde Osborn and Miss Barbara Onkst. A community picnic was an enjoyable feature at the end of the school.

Rev. Freeman W. Gillespie of Dyer, Tenn., was guest preacher for the revival which came during the Vacation Bible School. Mrs. Albert Elliott of Crowder served as pianist. The junior and intermediate choirs were helpful. The largest crowds ever attending came, and there were 10 additions, eight being for baptism.

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Mrs. Ray Powers, Reporter for Pearl City Church, Rankin County, writes that Rev. David Barnhill, former Chaplain in the U. S. Army is now Pastor of the Pearl City Church.

James C. Donahoe, clerk, Pilgrim's Rest Church, Copiah County, recently sent a large list of renewals and one new subscription.

Board in your will. A gift or bequest may be set up as a memorial for any person named by the donor. Relief and Annuity Board 206 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas



## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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WILLIAM HALL PRESTON

Representing the Student Department of the Sunday School Board at the State BSU Convention next month will be Mr. William Hall Preston. Mr. Preston, who is known and loved by thousands of college students throughout the South, will speak on "The Purpose of the BSU" in two messages and will lead a panel forum on "Practical Christian Service Through Extension Ministries".

### Join The College Church

Every Baptist student should join the college church the first Sunday after he matriculates. Can you give a single good reason why you shouldn't? I can give you many irrefutable arguments why you should. For instance, if you are to spend a great deal more

than half of the year at college, you should have your letter in the college church. Isn't that right? Local BSU workers, get the students to join the college church the very first Sunday you can.

### Initial Issue of Baptist Student Off The Press

Number one of volume twenty-six of the BAPTIST STUDENT magazine is out with articles by Dr. Duke McCall et al., and with pictures of Orba Lee Malone, Mississippi College Secretary; Ed Willis, of Jackson; Chester Swor, of Jackson, and Miriam Hollis and Charles Ray, of Mississippi College, in it. Reporters, send in your campus news and pictures to both the BAPTIST STUDENT and to me!

### Peregrinations

Miriam Hollis, President-elect of the Mississippi College BSU, was greatly missed at the Choctaws' recent Pre-School Retreat at Roosevelt Park, Morton, but Sam Cochran, proved to be an excellent pinchhitter. He and Polly, his wife, together with Orba Lee and Peggy Malone, are going to lead the MC students in a great work for Christ this school year, I feel sure. Eva Lois and I greatly enjoyed and were greatly blessed by the Retreat, which was attended by about seventy-five BSU'ers, I heard.

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B. J. Faulkner has been elected S. S. Supt. and Robert Onkst has been elected Training Union Director of The Tocowa Baptist Church, for the next year.



Left to right, standing—Carolyn Robinson, Forest; Ada Mullins, New Hebron; Helen Tyrone, Prentiss; Miss Margaret McClellan, Student Secretary; Elizabeth Ann Batson, Wiggins; Esther Weaver, Columbus, and Willie Mae Cutrer, Magnolia. Seated—Betty Gail Clark, Lula; Betty Thompson, Forest; Gerry Williams, Lambert; Jackie Polk, Prentiss; Emma Grace Ross, Pelahatchie, and Billie Jean Martin, Laurel.

Martha White, Memphis, was not present and Francis Clifton, Brinkley, Ark., took the picture. This group of MSCW students will be at a pre-school retreat the weekend of September 14th, planning for BSU activities on the campus for the coming school year. Miss Margaret McClellan begins her third year as Student Secretary at MSCW this fall. —Frances Clifton, Reporter.



**BAPTISTS IN RUSSIA ARE FREE**

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God. . . The single issue which gravely troubled them was the legal veto on Sunday schools. The law separating the school from the church forbade the carrying on of any school or class for the instruction in religion of any person below the age of eighteen years; and a 'class' was officially defined as a group of children exceeding three in number, if taught by any other than a parent of the children. Sunday schools were thus ended; and this provision bore harshly upon such bodies as Baptists and Mennonites, who regarded the religious training of the young as a solemn duty. The Baptists, whole setting high value on the preaching and pastoral service of whole-time ministers, did not look upon these as members of an indispensable order. They regarded the church as a brotherhood of believers; preaching, the administration of Baptism or the Lord's Supper, the leadership of worship, could all be undertaken by any member possessing the confidence of the brotherhood. . . .

"It should nevertheless be added that even this limitation of freedom was cheerfully faced, and after a time largely overcome. Special services were arranged for children, including prayers and hymns, the reading of the Scriptures, and their exposition in terms adapted to the young. No school was organized, no class formed or register kept, and no teacher appointed; and for several years such gatherings remained within the letter of the law. . . ."

**Subsequent Developments**

By the mid-30's, conditions in Russia had somewhat relaxed for our Baptist brethren. Again, I quote from Dr. Rushbrooke's brochure:

"The Russian Baptists have been practically isolated from the end of 1928 until after the Nazi invasion of the U.S.S.R. There is still but little light on their conditions and activity. The Soviet Information Bureau is responsible for the statement that there are 'about 1,000 societies and groups affiliated to the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians.' This cannot represent the whole of the Baptists, if we take seriously the claim to number 4,000,000 made by the 'Baptist' and 'Evangelical Christian' signatories of the joint appeal published a few months ago in the SOVIET WAR NEWS. An average strength of approximately 4,000 for each society and group appears unthinkable. Whether a separate organization of Baptists is still functioning, we do not know. We may probably assume that the increase achieved some 15 years ago has been maintained despite serious handicap of the constitutional and legal position. It is also certain that under the present conditions of Nazi invasion the loyal support given by Baptists to the Soviet State is unhampered by a trace of doctrinaire pacifism. Stalin himself could scarcely speak more strongly than these 'sectarians.' Again, the cabled statement that the Government is doing everything possible to help believers, must be accepted as evidence of a new cordiality, due perhaps to the unmistakable demonstration of Baptist loyalty and solidarity with fellow-citizens in defense of the motherland. That cordiality we all hope may find full and lasting expression in the restoration of the freedom of propaganda for religion which was included in the original Soviet Constitution, in the granting of liberty to carry on Sunday Schools, which would in no way disturb the State school system of the U.S.S.R., in the removal of the veto on Bible classes, prayer meetings, etc., in the concession of freedom to train preachers and other church workers, and in the granting of permission to print Bibles and other religious literature. . . ."

What Did I Learn of These Developments?

Upon my arrival in Moscow, I went with Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church (Methodist), New York, to call upon Mr. Karpov, Minister of Cults. We first talked with Mr. Poliansky, his associate.

Mr. Poliansky talked with us for an hour, outlining the developing stages by which the Soviet Government had gradually relaxed its earlier restrictions upon the churches—Greek Orthodox, Jewish, Mohammedan, and Evangelicals. All that he said to us was confirmed by Mr. Karpov when we saw him.

Mr. Karpov told us that since his appointment, in 1943, there had been a general policy of friendliness toward the churches. I pressed him for a reason for this changed attitude. His answer was always the same, "Our Constitution provides for separation of church and state. We will not have a state-controlled church, nor will we have a church-controlled state." And he was always explicit in emphasizing the point that this policy applies to all religious groups.

**What Does It Mean?**

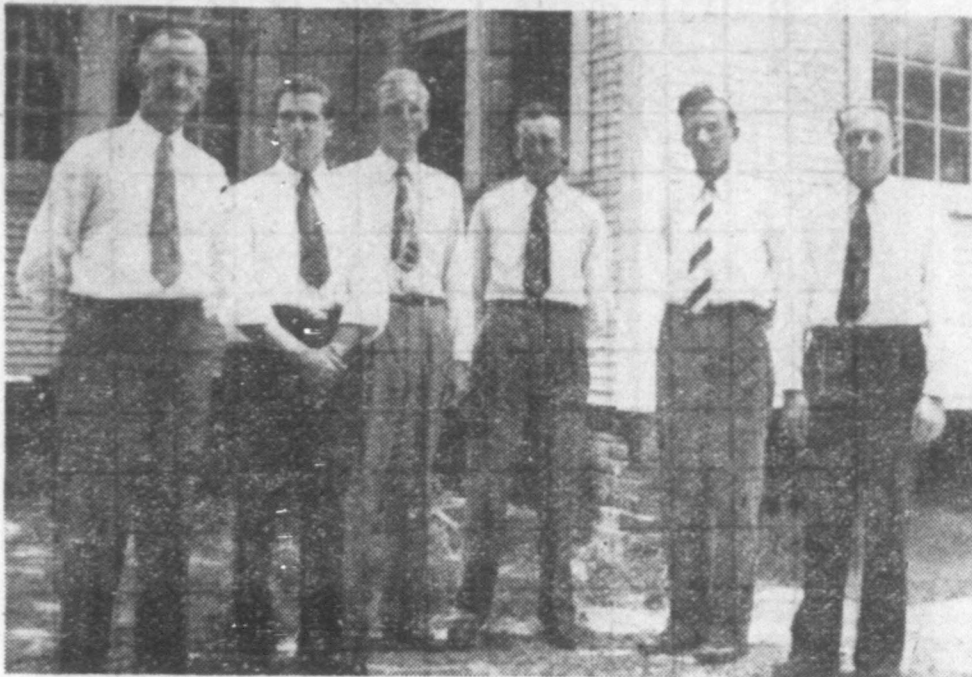
Just what does this apparent relaxation of earlier efforts to destroy religion mean? I am not quite sure of the meaning. I think it means about this: That the Soviet rulers discovered that religion is something vital—that the more they sought to annihilate religion, particularly among the Baptists, the greater was the upsurge of devotion in the hearts of the believers.

We were told by Mr. Karpov, and our Baptist pastors everywhere confirmed it, that at the present time, the churches are granted full use of the meeting houses so long as they are used exclusively for church purposes. All property, of course, is owned by the State, but the churches are granted exclusive use of the church buildings and grounds, and this privilege is described by Mr. Karpov as "continuous and perpetual." The churches pay a nominal tax on the buildings, described by Dr. Karpov as taking care of fire and police protection. Pastor Orlov told me that the First Baptist Church of Moscow pays 1,000 rubles per year, approximately \$83 in American money. Furthermore, Mr. Karpov told me, and this was everywhere confirmed by Baptist pastors, that the Government makes no demand for an accounting of the money raised by the churches. They determine what they will pay their pastors, what they will expend on the meeting houses, what they will do in the way of benevolent and missionary ministries. We were further assured that the Government does not seek to regulate the number of meetings held, or otherwise to regulate in any way the work of the churches.

**No Sunday Schools**

We did find that there are no Sunday Schools in Russia. I asked very particularly about this, and the Baptist pastors everywhere told us that the law forbidding the teaching of the Bible in the schools had been interpreted to mean that there must not be any "schools for Bible teaching." Prior to the Revolution, the Orthodox Church required the teaching of the Bible in the public schools. This fact does not appear to bother our Baptist leaders in Russia. They are going right on with their church work.

**PASTORS AND NEWLY LICENSED PREACHERS**



**MACEDONIA CHURCH HAS UNIQUE REVIVAL**

Macedonia Church, Hattiesburg, Lebanon Association, had a unique revival with Rev. J. H. Cothen doing the preaching. There were 17 additions, 13 of them for baptism.

During the meeting pastor W. L. Yeatman was called from half-time service to full time.

Another feature and joy of the meeting was that four of Macedonia's young men indicated their desire to preach the gospel. These were licensed at the Thursday morning service during the revival. Following this service six others dedicated their lives for definite service.

The names of those licensed to preach were Newell Massey, Joe Walters, Jr., Harold Walters and Rayford Moore. Pictured with them are Evangelist Cothen and Pastor W. L. Yeatman.

The ones dedicating themselves for Christian service were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis, Mrs. Rayford Moore, Dewey Meritt, Eugene Walters, Frederick Huchenhahan.

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**Providence, Choctaw Co.:** Rev. Harry S. Hannah of Seymore, Texas led the revival during the first week in August, bringing some wonderful messages which were greatly appreciated. There were five additions by letter. Rev. C. F. Anglin is pastor.

preaching and teaching the Bible, and they are putting particular emphasis upon Bible reading and study in the homes. I saw one stack of 7,000 Bibles, recently printed in Russia by the Baptist Union. I saw more people coming into the churches with Bibles in their hands than we would ordinarily see here at home. They are publishing a monthly magazine, which I regularly receive; and Dr. Zhidkov told me that the Government had allotted them ample paper to enlarge their program of printing Bibles and literature.

I close this article with the statement which I have several times made since returning from Russia, namely, that insofar as I was able to observe, our Baptist people in Russia today are free to conduct their work, EXCEPT THAT THEY CANNOT YET ORGANIZE WHAT WE WOULD CALL SUNDAY SCHOOLS. To what extent they may be restricted in carrying on what might be called "religious propaganda," I could not determine. In my next article I shall report on what the churches are actually doing, as I saw it.

**WILL SOUTHERN BAPTISTS RETREAT?**

By Mrs. O. K. Germany

Will Southern Baptists retreat? Will a man rob God? Have we stopped tithing? Will Jesus commend us as He did the widow who gave her living?

What farmer cannot give \$10? What farmer's wife cannot give the same amount? And so on, in like manner for men and women in all walks of life, that some child or grown person might not starve or freeze to death this winter. Are there not some in almost every church who can give \$100 as easily as others give \$10? God knows who can give.

We may well look into Matthew 7:21 if we ignore Matthew 8:14. If we be soldiers of the Cross let us march over the top in this drive for \$3,500,000. Let us go over the top with our praying. Here we find our basic trouble. Christians fail to watch and pray enough. God wants our fellowship. Here, let me say, that we may gauge our nearness to God by the length of time we spend with Him ALONE in secret prayer each day.

Let us save lives and flood the darkened lands with missionaries that the precious Word of God may be heard by those who need comfort.

How can we ever stand up and sing "I Love To Tell The Story of Jesus and His Love" if we keep back from Him that which He sorely needs and which belongs to Him?

Within 15 or 20 years we may see OUR lands ravaged by war and OUR children dying of starvation if we soldiers of the Cross CONTINUE to sleep.

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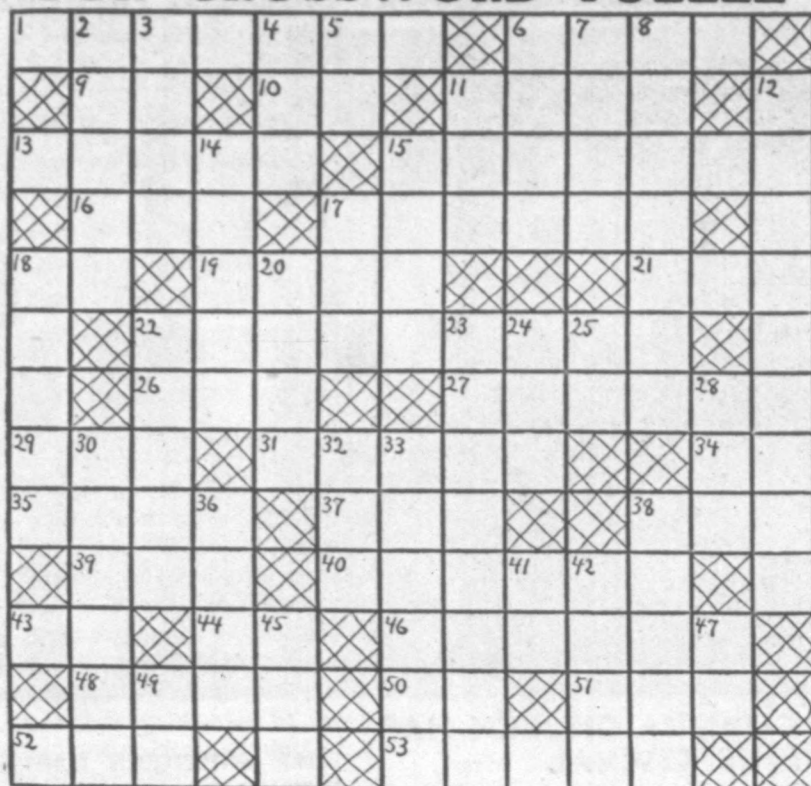
**Covenant, in Choctaw Co.:** Our meeting at Covenant, the fourth week in July, was handicapped by bad weather, bad roads, and some very serious cases of sickness, but was not a failure by any means. An ordained deacon from another church, united by letter, and is already showing himself to be very useful. There was also one addition by baptism. The pastor, Rev. C. F. Anglin, did the preaching.

Rev. Troy Sumrall was the guest evangelist during the revival at Pleasant Hill Church, Greene County the week of August 18-23. Rev. W. L. Yeatman is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, has passed its goal of \$1250.00 for the Relief and Rehabilitation offering. \$1275 has already been given and more is expected.



## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy King cometh unto thee."—ZECH 9:9.

## ACROSS

- 1 Being in neutral equilibrium; act as it (anag.)  
 6 "Be not . . . with thy mouth"  
 9 "and . . . shall speak peace"  
 10 "Behold the man whose name . . . The BRANCH"  
 11 "the . . . shall live by his faith"  
 13 Mohammedan scriptures  
 15 "I will . . . the soul of the priests"  
 16 "one Lord, . . . his name one"  
 17 "and . . . on the breastplate of righteousness"  
 18 "it shall come to pass, that . . . evening time it shall be light"  
 19 "hid in three measures of . . ."  
 21 Issue; his (anag.)  
 22 "For mine eyes have seen thy . . ."  
 26 Common gazelle of Central Asia  
 27 Animal; a kind of 51 across  
 29 Salt  
 31 "but with the . . . is wisdom"  
 34 City; animal  
 35 "My God" Mark 15:34  
 37 An Asherite I Chron. 7:34  
 38 Another Asherite; the Altar  
 39 " . . . he shall bear the glory"  
 40 "a man . . . upon a red horse"  
 43 God in Hebrew names  
 44 "things that ye shall . . ."  
 46 City of Judah; nailed (anag.)  
 48 "sit and rule . . . his throne"  
 50 "are they, which in . . . honest and good heart"  
 51 "And Jesus, when he had found a young . . . sat thereon"  
 52 " . . . not vain repetitions"  
 53 "I will take away the stony . . ."  
 Our Text from Zechariah is 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 22, 31, 39, 40, 48, 50, and 51 combined.

## DOWN

- 2 Young hog  
 3 Bird  
 4 "the iron, the . . . , and the lead"  
 5 "The Lord . . . my God"  
 6 Town of Switzerland  
 7 Hindu month  
 8 Scaffolding  
 11 Javanese

- 12 The prophet who said, "behold, thy King cometh unto thee"  
 14 City coupled with Sodom and Gomorrah Gen. 10:19  
 15 Ancestor of Christ; reversed, an exclamation  
 17 Possess (ref. sp.)  
 18 "exalt him that is low and . . . him that is high"  
 20 The wall was finished in this month Neh. 6:15  
 22 Fashionable reception  
 23 Derived from toluene; I lied not (anag.)  
 24 Less than tiny  
 25 On account of  
 28 "Let thine . . . now be attentive"  
 30 Imaginary lower form of man; a Sulla (anag.)  
 32 "all that handle the . . ."  
 33 African weaver bird  
 36 Grandfather of the prophet Zechariah Zech. 1:1  
 38 Terrified (ref. sp.)  
 41 Independence League  
 42 "The great day of the Lord is . . ."  
 45 "Lord, and . . . , the valley of craftsmen" Neh. 11:35  
 47 Canadian province  
 49 Hebrew letter

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## Church Staff Completed At First, Columbus

With the election of Mrs. E. L. Phillips as Young People's Director, the First church, Columbus, now has a complete staff of workers. In addition to Mrs. Phillips, the other members of the staff are: Dr. J. D. Franks, pastor; Cecil Lea, Educational Director; Miss Marion Davis, Minister of Music; Miss Edna Brownlee, Church Secretary; Miss Margaret McClellan, Student Secretary and Mrs. W. C. Hudson, organist.

This is probably the first time in the history of the church that the church has had a complete staff of trained workers, sufficient in number to plan and direct every phase and activity of the church life. According to F. F. Parsons, chairman of the Deacons, "We believe that they are without exception consecrated Christians, anxious to do the Lord's work, and they are capable and qualified for the various and important positions to which the church has called them."

Although First church, Columbus has a great history, dating back for 114 years, the members feel that they cannot rest on "their laurels", but must face the future with vision and faith to believe that they can do even greater things for the Master. In a recent letter to the church members, published in the weekly church publication, Deacon Parsons reminded the

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## Episcopal Minister Urges Reappointment Of Taylor

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.—(RNS)—Reappointment of Myron C. Taylor as special envoy to the Vatican should be urged on President Truman by "all thinking and magnanimous Christians," the Rev. L. L. Twinem declared in a sermon at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, Eastchester.

Mr. Twinem, known as an Anglo-Catholic, said "certain self-appointed Protestant leaders have undertaken to cut the bond between this nation and the Vatican. They are putting pressure on the President by personal calls at his office and widely disseminated propaganda directed to press the Chief Executive into fear of Protestant sentiment and prejudice."

"Myron Taylor is an Episcopalian, a statesman of character, tact, scholarship and tolerance. His mission has been indispensable to the welfare of mankind. Important moves toward armistice and peace have been furthered by the bond so wisely established by President Roosevelt."

"There has been definite indication that Pope Pius desires the return of Mr. Taylor to his valuable post. In the interests of peace, all thinking and magnanimous Christians should use their influence by word and letter to promote this tie of good will and peace-making."

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.** Prepared by Bracey Campbell. Lesson for September 22. **JESUS AND THE LAW OF THE STRANGER.** Ex. 22:21-23; Deut. 24:14,15; 17-22; II Chron. 6:32,33; Matthew 25:31-45; Gal. 3:26-29; Heb. 13:2.

I. Present Need for Application of This Law. If ever there was need for the application to strangers of a law of kindness, that time is now. For never were there so many strangers within our borders, nor a time when so many roamed the world, millions of them away from homes they shall never be able to visit again.

So we go all the way back to the Old Testament of strangers—to that old book whose provisions are said by many to be cruel and merciless. There we shall find words commanding kindness to strangers in terms which might well be taken as examples of mercy by almost every nation of the earth.

II. The Prayer of a Wise Ruler. II Chron. 6. (Read it) In verses 32, 33, of this chapter is recorded the prayer of Solomon for the stranger who might sojourn in the land of Israel. As all other real prayers it is a prayer that God will get glory to Himself. And Solomon has conceived that God will be able the better to do that if the people who are called by His name shall show kindness to the strangers among them. And is not this the first reason that should prompt us in all our deeds of mercy?

III. The Law of Master and Servant. Deut. 24:14, 15.

This is a good law for all time. Of course a man with the Spirit of God in his heart will do right as he knows it. This ancient law will find response in the heart of every employer of labor, if the employer abides in the Spirit of Jesus. Avery Earnest, elderly lady said to the visiting preacher in the midst of the revival meeting, "Tell me what I ought to do to help the meeting, and I'll do it". Every child of God will want to know what God would have him do. Back in the Old

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## NEW BSU SECRETARIES



MISS MARY TOM BERRY

Miss Mary Tom Berry, left, and Miss Jean Parker have recently joined the ranks of local BSU Secretaries of Mississippi.

Miss Berry, a graduate of Blue Mountain College in the class of 1946, started her work at Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, on July 1st. Miss



MISS JEAN PARKER

Parker is beginning her work this month at East Central Junior College. She is a 1946 graduate of Mississippi College. Both young ladies are admirably qualified for the positions which they have recently accepted, and the students of their respective colleges are especially happy over their coming.

## The BAPTIST HOUR

September 22, 1946

**Speaker:**  
Dr. Duke K. McCall

**Subject:**  
"When Religion Fails"

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September 29, Dr. Duke K. McCall Speaks On . . .

"When God Commands The Difficult"

Rev. J. F. Brantley did the preaching in a revival at Pilgrims Rest, Copiah County in July. His messages were inspiring and challenging. There were five professions of faith. The attendance and interest was the best seen there in quite a while. The Spirit of The Lord was certainly manifested. —L. C. Hoff, Pastor.

Rev. W. C. Stewart, former Pastor at Houston and later at Meadville and Roxie, now located at Evergreen, Louisiana, is available to hold revivals or become a pastor of some church in Mississippi.

Woodrow W. Clark continues his fine support of the Baptist Record. In fact, wherever he goes the Baptist Record goes, if it is not already there. His latest contribution is a list of ten from Hopewell Church with the understanding that the every family plan will be a reality in the near future.

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—Rev. F. G. Welborn, Pastor of Rocky Creek Church, George County, has accepted the pastorate of Oloh Church, Marion County Association.

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## MIRACLE WORKING FAITH

By Rev. W. T. Darling  
Hebrews 11:1-6

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him; for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Matthew 17:20

"If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to younger place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

This is the first of four sermons about faith. There are many kinds of faith spoken of in the Bible. Some of these are, saving faith, practical faith, and miracle working faith. And, since many people are blinded relative to the meaning of faith; it is expedient that we know what the Bible has to say about it. Just now, let us think together prayerfully, and with minds alert, about Miracle Working Faith.

Is there such a thing as miracle working faith in the world today? I am very sure we can find God's answer to this important question. Do you really want to know? We will let the Bible answer: There have been four ages of miracle working faith in the history of man. And only four. Read the Old Book carefully to see for yourself.

I. The Age of Moses. This first age was twenty-five hundred years, mind you, after the creation of man. That was a long time. For twenty-five hundred years God had not manifested his miraculous power through men. One day God in a "burning bush," met Moses; out in the wilderness somewhere, and asked him, "What is that in thine hand?" Moses answered God, and said, "A rod or stick." God had said to Moses, "Tell the people, 'I AM hath sent me unto you.'" and Moses answered and said, "But, behold they will not believe, nor harken unto my voice; for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee. All right, God said, "Cast your rod on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thy hand, and take it by the tail." "And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand." "And the Lord said further more unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom; and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow." "And he said, put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and behold, it was turned again as his other flesh." Exodus 4:14 and 5, 6.

In the Scripture, just quoted, we have the account of four miracles in rapid succession. What was God's purpose in these miracles, at this particular time? Here is the answer. God was about to deliver his people—Israel, from the bondage of Egypt. And, to do this, three things were necessary. These things called for the miraculous.

1. In the first place, Moses had to be convinced that God was leading him. Forty years prior to this time he had

made a great blunder. Moses had failed. It is hard to get a man to try again, after he has failed. And, Moses answered God, and said, "But behold, they will not believe me, or harken unto my voice: for they will say, 'The Lord hath not appeared unto thee.'" God had trouble in getting Moses to be his man. It took some mighty strong evidence. That's just like a man, isn't it? I wonder, if you are giving God trouble, today, in getting you to do what he wants you to do. In the first place, then, these miracles were wrought for Moses' sake.

2. In the second place, Israel had to be convinced. They were done for Israel's sake also. God said, that it was done for Israel's sake. "That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob hath appeared unto thee." Exodus 4:5. Moses had a hard time convincing Israel. "And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither harken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign." Exodus 4:8. Other signs, also, God promised to show through Moses in order to convince Israel. A stubborn people had to be shown.

3. In the third place, Pharaoh, had to be convinced. Israel, as a slave nation, was making Egypt rich. It took ten plagues upon Egypt to induce Pharaoh to let Israel go out of his land. These were from the turning of Moses' rod into a serpent, in the presence of Pharaoh to the smiting of the first born in all Egypt; of both man and beast. This is a thrilling story. Read it. You will find it in Exodus, chapters 7 to 12.

The first age of miracle working faith extended from Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea, through the forty years of the wilderness experience, into Canaan—the Promised Land, and unto the prophets, beginning with Samuel.

II. The Age of the Prophets. The second age of miracles was the age of the prophets. The prophets went a step further than Moses did in miracle working faith. They raised the dead. Elisha raised the Shunammite's son, 2 Kings 4:18-37. This age of miracles, also, had its purpose in the plan of God. What was the purpose of God in these miracles?

1. God was establishing his people—the Israelites or Jews in the world of humanity. As his "Peculiar People" they must have a PLUS over the other nations round about them. There must be shown in them a power, beyond the ordinary power of men. Otherwise, they had nothing to offer the world more than the heathen had to offer. This great truth stands out clearly.

2. In the second place, God was establishing the true religion of Jehovah God in the world. This religion must also have a PLUS. The worship of the true and Living God must show a superiority over the worship of idols. In what way was Israel's God and religion superior to the heathen's god and religion? In order to show this superiority there must be a supernatural power shown. Consider, just one great example, Elijah on Mt. Carmel, 1 Kings the 18th chapter. This is a test of gods. Here, when the prophets of Baal had failed miserably, Elijah called upon his God to show, "who is God." The offering, that had been prepared for the occasion, and also, the altar upon which it was offered were both consumed by fire from heaven. Then the people cried, "Jehovah, he is God." They saw the plus. And, so, God's two great purposes in this age of miracle working faith was accomplished through the prophets. This second age of miracles ended with Malachi four hundred years before Jesus came into the world.

III. The Age of Jesus. The third age of miracle working faith was the age of Jesus. From Malachi to the coming of Jesus into the world was four hundred years. Not one miracle was performed during these four hundred years. Long

time, wasn't it? The sun rose in the east and set in the west. Everything moved on in its natural order.

At the end of this four hundred year period Jesus was born into the world. He was born of a woman; the miracle of all miracles, the miracle of the ages. At the age of thirty, Jesus began his work, as the Son of God. He began it with a miracle; turning water into wine. John 2:7-11. Why did he do it? The primary purpose in the miracles of Jesus was to establish himself in the hearts of men as the Son of God. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, unstopped the ears of the deaf, loosed the tongue of the dumb, stilled the tempest, cast out demons, and raised the dead. Of course Jesus found great pleasure in helping those, who needed his help. But, the one great purpose of God in it all was; that they might know him as the Son of God. The miracles of Jesus were performed to show to the world that he was, in very truth, the Son of God. This done, Jesus went to the cross and did what he came into the world to do. Jesus came into the world to die for the sins of the world. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

IV. The Age of the Apostles. The fourth and last age of miracle working faith was, the age of the apostles. Note, the word last. This was the last age of miracle working faith. Fifty days after the crucifixion of Jesus, the Holy Spirit—the third person of the God head, came into the organized body of the Church. This was what is called "The day of Pentecost." In reality, that day is still on. The Church was then complete and ready for its great work of preaching the Gospel to the world. The Holy Spirit's coming, ushered in the last age of miracles. During the fifty days, from the resurrection of Jesus to the coming of the Holy Spirit, there was not one miracle performed. This was a time of expectancy and breathless waiting on the part of all Christians.

God had a purpose in this last age of miracle working faith also. Here it is! He was establishing in the world the true religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. This was done in the midst of isms many. Perhaps, there was never another period in the history of the world, when there were so many religions. A little later, you remember, Paul found a shrine, "to the unknown God." So, if the true religion was to be established, it had to have a DECIDED PLUS. Therefore, God gave to the early disciples the power to perform miracles. The first miracle performed in the last age of miracles was the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, at the hands of Peter and John. Acts 3:1-11.

Following this one, many great miracles were wrought through the apostles. In it all there was one great purpose: to establish The Faith—the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ in the world. This fourth and last age of miracles continued almost to the close of Paul's life. Note the word, almost. In the early days of Paul's ministry, some one of his garments were spread over the sick, and they were healed. Before Paul died, he had to leave a beloved brother behind sick. We read of his prescribing a "little wine for Timothy's stomach sake." Had Paul lost faith with God? Certainly not. What, then was the trouble. The fourth and last age of miracle working faith had closed.

It closed the day the New Testament was completed. While it was in the making, speaking in other tongues and miracles were common. Since the completion of the New Testament, there has been no such faith among Christians. There is no such thing as divine healing and speaking in tongues today. This is blind faith. Hear what the Word of the Lord says about it in 1 Cor. 13:8-10.

## Sockman Optimistic On Russian Church

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The Russian concept of religious freedom permits the propagation of all faiths—or no faith—but does not sanction pulpit discussion of governmental policies or civic affairs, Dr. Ralph Sockman, New York Methodist clergyman, declared here at a press conference following his return from a visit to the Soviet Union.

Dr. Sockman was one of seven American delegates representing the American Society for Russian Relief. He said Russian pastors are free to seek converts and that in many churches there is a waiting list of persons wanting baptism.

Despite a lack of enthusiasm for religion among Russian youth, he declared, the churches are slowly adding new members. While there is no reason to expect a religious revival in that country, Dr. Sockman said, neither is there cause to fear unduly for the future of the church. Religious bodies raise their own budgets on a voluntary basis and pay their clergymen well, he said. Currently, many Russian churches are successfully undertaking rebuilding and repair projects.

Asked if foreign church leaders or missionaries would soon be permitted free access to Russia, Dr. Sockman replied that an interchange of peoples is being discouraged by the Soviet government mainly because of inadequate facilities, such as housing, food, and transportation.

"Love never faileth: But whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." Note the adverb THEN in the tenth verse. Then, as soon as the last amen was said in the New Testament the last age of miracle working faith was over.

The Old and the New Testament constitute the perfect law of God. All these other things were done while man had the law in part. The physical miracle was a sign of unbelief and sin. "Show us a sign, and we will believe." Jesus said, "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign." Matt. 12:39. How we do need to get straight in our thinking! There is so much foolishness carried on in the world today, by deluded souls, in the name of religion. May God help us to see the truth!

If you want to know anything about man in his relationship down here in the world today, you can find it in the Bible—the perfect law of God.

You do not have to guess about man's relation to man, husband to wife and wife to husband, parent to child and child to parent, God to man and man to God, what to do in order to be saved, how to be baptized after you are saved, how much of your income belongs to God, etc. No, sir, it is all made plain in God's book. There is much zeal in the world today, that doesn't have any sense to it. Such deluded souls are lost. "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, not according to knowledge." Rom. 10:1, 2.

In our next message, the Lord willing, we will discuss Practical Faith. In the mean time be thinking on this great truth: God never does any thing for us, that we can do for ourselves. May God add his blessings to his truth.